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THE SHOW

Five shot dead in betting shop attack

FIVE men were killed and nine wounded yesterday when Loyalist gunmen walked into a Roman Catholic bookmaker's office in Belfast and fired indiscriminately at the customers.

The Ulster Freedom Fighters later admitted that they were responsible for the murders in revenge for the eight Protestant building workers ambushed by the IRA last month. Twenty-six people have now died in sectarian violence in Northern Ireland this year, ten in the past two days.

On Tuesday, a distraught policeman killed three people at the Sinn Fein offices in West Belfast before committing suicide and yesterday morning, an off-duty soldier killed one of four IRA men who had lured him into a trap.

Then at 2.15 yesterday after-noon, two UFF gunmen, armed with a rifle and shotgun, went into the crowded Sean Graham betting shop in Hatfield Street off the

yesterday, saying it was revenge for an IRA attack. Edward Gorman and Jamie Dettmer report without warning. "It was like a wave of revulsion and condemnabutcher's shop: there was blood tion by politicians, churchmen and local people stunned by the intensi-

everywhere," one survivor said. The place is absolutely riddled with bullets. People were diving for cover, but they just couldn't get out of the way. Nobody stood a Another survivor said he froze when he heard the shooting, then tried to tend the injured, but one man had already died. Most of the

calls for internment, while Robin Earnes, the Church of Ireland primate, spoke of the "unbridled madness" stalking the streets of Northern Ireland, adding: "If the killing does not stop, everyone will injured, including elderly men and be sucked into the morass of vioteenagers, were taken to Belfast lence." Sir Hugh Annesley, the RUC chief constable also de-City Hospital, where three were in a critical condition and three othnounced the shootings as murder madness, but denied Unionist ers were described as seriously ill. They were suffering from chest and claims that the province was runabdominal injuries as well as gunning out of control. He said that his officers were preventing 85 per cent of attempted attacks. "People

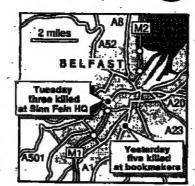
ty of the recent violence, which

recalls the worst days of the early

Seventies. Uniorists renewed their

The Ulster Freedom Fighters admitted opening

fire indiscriminately in a Belfast betting shop



are frightened, and have a right to be, and my sympathies are with them," he said. "But the police are not sitting idly by. We are making arrests for crime every day across this province."

Dr Patrick Walsh, bishop of Down and Connor, told mourners at a funeral that Belfast was shrouded in gloom, death and near despair. Speaking before the UFF attack, he added: "The murderers, the arsonists, the bombers are plaguing us. They are plunging us be a fathomless pit of agonising

Steve McBride, an Alliance party councillor who arrived at the betting shop five minutes after the gunmen fled, condemned what he described as an appalling act of indiscriminate sectarian violence. This was "an attempt to drag the community into the depths of total despair. The only remedy is for people to stand up and to tell the gunmen and gansters of all-sides to

Ken Maginnis the Ulster Unionist Party security spokesman, said Northern Ireland was in a state of virtual anarchy. He recalled that Sir Hugh Annesley had said recently that he was "some way down the road to internment". Mr Maginnis asked: "Just how long is this

Sir Hugh, who visited the scene, insisted that his security policy was effective in dealing with the violence, saying: "It has not been beyond control and it will not get

more and more into what seems to beyond control. It is serious, this is a very serious murder, but this is not an out-of-control situation. We have here across this province. killers who are being harboured on both sides of this divide. We will follow this enquiry with utter and absolute determination. We must

have other people to turn them in.

The shootings yesterday were the work of the Ulster Freedom Fighters, the military wing of the Ulster Defence Association, which has reorganised itself and killed scores of Catholics since many of its leading figures were arrested during the Stevens collusion enquiry of 1989-90. After its gunmen murdered a Catholic taxi driver in Belfast three days ago, it announced that anyone who supported the republican movement in any way - including through the ballot box - would be regarded as a legitimate target.

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Hurd to

speed EC

entries

By MICHAEL BINYON

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

SPEEDING the entry of Po-

land, Hungary and Czechoslovakia into the European

Community by the year 2000

will be one of Britain's priori-

ties when it takes over the EC

presidency in July, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary,

said yesterday. He predicted that eventu-

ally even Russia might be-come an EC member —

though that was still "a long

Unveiling Britain's plans

for the leadership of the Com-

munity, as well as its official

logo of a "lively, intelligent"

lion prancing across the Eu-ropean flag. Mr Hurd said the case for enlargement was

accepted by all 12 members.

There was no contradiction

between widening and deep-

ming the EC, he said. Others

accepted Britain's argument that the Twelve could not

The foreign secretary said

Britain's other priorities were

the completion of the single

market, due to come into full

effect on January 1, 1993; the

reform of the common agri-

cultural policy and EC fi-

nances; and summit meetings with the US and

Japan to strengthen links

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remain an exclusive club.

The Queen was ready; so was the

Duke of Edinburgh. The lighting seemed perfect. But one last check was needed before Terry O'Neill could take the official photographs to mark the 40th anniversary of the accession. A 'dorgi'. bred by the Queen

from a corgi and a dachshund, added the final touch. For the full picture from the palace, see

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BETTE FOR THE BOYS



Ms Midler teams up with James Caan in her latest cinematic venture, but Geoff Brown finds the outcome less than divine.

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shot wounds to their arms and legs. Ashdown admits affair to end spate of rumours

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

PADDY Ashdown yesterday admitted having a "brief relationship" with his secretary of five years ago, his confession prompted by attempts to sell a stolen document referring to the affair to the News of the

Within minutes, John Major and Neil Kinnock had rallied to his support, each in-sisting it was a private matter with no relevance to political battles, while senior Liberal Democrats said there was no question of Mr Ashdown resigning as party leader.

Mr Major relephoned Mr Ashdown before he made his public statement yesterday, and the intervention of the two main party leaders was seen as a move to silence any MPs hoping to capitalise on the disclosure. Politicians in all parties expressed the hope that Mr Ashdown's straightforward admission of the affair, which occurred before he became party leader, would lower the pre-election temperature and lead to fewer smear tactics. Des Wilson,

> INSIDE Car prices cleared

Motor manufacturers were cleared of overcharging British customers amid claims that a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into car prices was "a sell-out" Page 17

Keegan post Kevin Keegan has been appointed manager of Newcastle United in succession to Osvaldo

Schools league Local authorities are to publish their own league tables of schools, taking

Keays admits Sara Keays accepted in the High Court that she had been too ready to believe Cecii Parkinson's protesta-

Budget backed Russia's parliament will today challenge attempts by

the republic's leaders to soften its austerity ...Page 7 NOEX

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the Liberal Democrat campaign director, said the ques-tion of Mr Ashdown resigning as leader had simply not

The party headquarters switchboard was deluged with calls of support and even applications to join, in protest at what callers regarded as the latest dirty trick in a grubby election campaign. But the Liberal Democrats did not allege any conspiracy, or sug-gest that there had been a political motive for the theft of the document from the safe of Mr Ashdown's solicitor.

Last week, the solicitor was restraining English newspapers from printing stories based on the stolen document, an aide memoire about the relationship recorded by the solicitor in 1990 when it appeared that Mr Ashdown's name might emerge in divorce proceedings involving Tricia Howard, who had been separated from her hus-band before the affair.

He had intended to go pub-

lic with the details today after telling his MPs at last night's weekly meeting at Westminster. But he was pushed into earlier action when The Scotsman, not covered by the English injunction, broke the story yesterday and other English newspapers gave heavy hints of a scandal about to break. Mr Ashdown and his colleagues found their life was becoming impossible and their election campaign inhibited in coping with enquiries about the story. They decided to move more swiftly.

Few politicians believed yesterday that the Liberal Democrats or Mr Ashdown, who had a majority of 5,700 in Yeovil at the last election. would suffer lasting damage from the affair. Public distaste for an extramarital affair, it was commonly be-lieved, would be balanced by sympathy for his family, par-ticularly his wife of 30 years, Jane, disgust at how the newspapers concerned had gained their information, and the courage of his swift disclosure. But there was some nervousness among Liberal Democrats at the effect on women voters and in sternly moralistic Celtic fringe

constituencies. Mr Ashdown said in his statement yesterday that his affair should have remained "a private and personal matter of concern only to those

involved". He said the stoler document offered by the thief for sale to newspapers contained "information supplied in confidence to my solicitors about a brief relationship which I had five years ago, before the 1987 general elec-tion, and well before I became leader of my party.

"When the theft was discovered I was advised and believed that I had every right to defend my privacy. I was fur-ther advised that because its circulation arose from a criminal act, the document would be protected by the full force the law. In those circumstances, my solicitors obrained an injunction pre-venting its publication.

"However, it is now clear to me that in this pre-election atmosphere, I, my family, my friends and party colleagues, will not be left alone. I have therefore decided to make this personal statement." Refusing to answer questions, and saying he wanted to get back to work, he concluded: "This has been an extremely painful experience. But it is one which all involved, and especially Jane, my family

and I have faced together." Andrew Phillips, the lawyer, said that Ms Howard was "party to Mr Ashdown's decision to make a statement. and has nothing to add to or subtract from it. Ms Howard has asked me to say that she hopes that she will now be left alone to live a normal life free from intolerable pressures and intrusions." She would make a statement today, but answer no questions.

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Standing together: Jane and Paddy Ashdown outside their home yesterday after Mr Ashdown had invited the press to meet them

Two survive in air bubble as man dies in lifeboat test

ONE person was killed and another was still missing last night after a lifeboat crashed into the water during official tests on prototype launching gear at Hull. Two other men survived the accident, saved by an air bubble that kept them alive for more than an hour and a half until help could reach them.

The lifeboat, from the Norsea, a North Sea Ferries vessel, overturned in King George Dock at about 2pm. trapping the four men testing the new equipment under the supervision of officials from the Department of Trans-

Divers recovered the body of one man. The two known survivors, Christopher Dixon, with his fingertips for an hour

52, were taken to Hull Royal Infirmary suffering from trauma and mild hypo-

David Cartlidge, the senior registrar at the hospital, said the survivors owed their lives to the air pocket in which they were caught. "The lifeboat appears to have turned over, trapping the crew beneath it. Fortunately there appears to have been an air bubble which allowed both of the men to breathe for a little longer. They appear to have inhaled a small amount of water and are very cold," he

Phil Birch, son of one of the survivors, said last night: "My dad clung on to a ledge aged 29, and Brian Birch, and a half. He could feel the

air slowly being used up. He is still very shocked and confused."

Inspector Phil Alderman, of Humberside police, said: "None of the crew were wearing life-jackets when the accident happened. The preliminary investigation suggests that the davits used to lower the lifeboat failed, causing the craft to fall into the water upside down."

A spokesman for the transport department said the equipment being tested was a prototype which had not yet been approved. "People can rest assured that no other vessel in Britain has been fitted with it," he said.

Marine accident experts have begun their investigation into the tragedy.

Grin and bear it the only prescription for a cold

BY THOMSON PRENTICE MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITONS waste millions of pounds a year on over-the-counter cold and influenza medicines that are little more than glorified painkillers, the Consumers' Association says today.

Some of the ingredients are useless and others can cause such side-effects as drowsiness, constipation, insomnia and anxiety, the association's magazine Which? reports. "You can't get rid of a cold or flu any quicker by taking drugs than if you braved it out alone. Calling these medicines 'remedies' is something of a misnomer."

the report says. The report calculates that Britons spend more than £50 million a year

on such medicines and says many cold products contain a painkiller, painkiller," usually paracetamol, which is sometimes the only active ingredient. "It is just as effective, and cheaper, to take

a painkiller on its own," Which? says. It cites Beechams Hot Lemon, which contains paracetamol as the only active ingredient, costs 28p per sachet, and £1.66 for the maximum daily dose. Buying a large pharmacy pack of an unbranded painkiller would cost from Ip a tablet and 8p for the daily maximum dose.

"The most straightforward cold medicines are the hot lemon drinks, many of which are simply glorified painkillers. These won't necessarily be more effective at relieving symp-toms and will almost certainly cost

Many products contain antihistamines to "dry up" a cold but there is no proof that they help a cold and they can cause drowsiness. Which? says. Decongestants taken by mouth can for some people increase the risk of insomnia, anxiety and tremors. and are unsuitable for patients with heart conditions, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

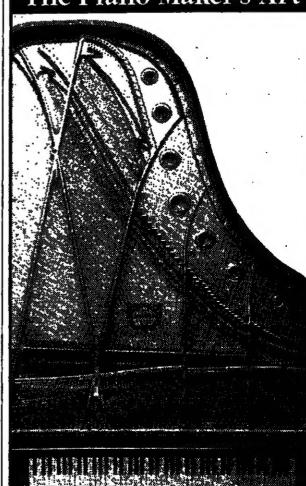
Inhaling hot water vapour is just as effective in relieving congestion, the report says. "An expectorant is supposed to ease the loosening and coughing up of phlegm for a chesty cough, but there is no convincing evidence that they work. Drinking lots of fluid and inhaling hot water

vapour will have as good an expectorant effect as anything you can buy." Suppressants, aimed at easing a dry cough, may cause drowsiness if they contain antihistamines and constipation if they contain codeine.

Among a Which? list of combined cold medicines, Beechams Hot Lemon and Lemsip emerge as the most expensive at £1.66 each, calculated on the basis of a maximum daily dose. On the same basis, Beechams Day Nurse, containing a painkiller, a suppressant and a decongestant, is £1.58, and Boots Day Cold Comfort, with similar active ingredients, is

£1.54. The report is based on information from GPs, pharmacists, pharmacologists and medical literature.

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Conspiracy theory discounted after parties report spate of office break-ins around the country

Ashdown theft blamed on chance burglary

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

glar rather than any sinister conspirator was behind the robbery at the offices of Paddy Ashdown's solicitor which led to the disclosure of the politician's affair with his secretary, City of London police believe.

The burglary happened on the weekend of January 10-12 at the offices of Bates. Wells and Braithwaite near Smithfield meat market. The firm acts for Mr Ashdown personally and not for the Liberal Democrat party.

The burglar forced a window and got into the two storey offices. Drawers and several safes were searched and, according to police, the thief took £480 in cash and the aide-memoire which had been written by Andrew Phillips, one of the firm's partners, after discussions with Mr Ashdown. The note was placed in a sealed envelope described as "distinctive" by police. Nothing else was taken and the burglar might have

overlooked some jewellery. Office burglaries are not unusual in the City, where there is little domestic property. The area around Smithfield does not suffer as badly as other parts of the City which have small, oldfashioned office blocks, such as the roads around Fleet Street and the Temple. Solicitors' offices are burgled mainly for easily removable office equipment such as small computers.

Members of the firm, including Mr Phillips and William Garnett, another partner, said vesterday that the discovery of the aidememoire was nothing more than a freak incident and agreed that the firm was the victim of a burglar with an

eye for the main chance. The break-in is part of a series of incidents including nine involving the offices of eight burglaries at Liberal Democrat offices around the country and five burglaries at local Conservative offices. Lord Holme of Chel-

BY PETER DAVENPORT AND

CRAIG SETON

POLICE believe that the kid-

information from more than

3,000 telephone calls yester-day after the publication of an

artist's impression of their quarry. Their first task was to

establish if any of the possible identities passed on by callers

have already figured in the

large data-base of intelligence

which has been built up in the

search for the killer of the Leeds 18-year-old. If so they

would have a prime suspect

Senior officers said they were delighted at the public

response and all information

would be treated seriously.

The calls ranged from sug-

gested identities for the man

to people who believe they

may have seen him during his

preparations to kidnap Miss

Slater. One caller claimed to

have spotted the man on a

possible reconnaisance mis-

sion of the route for the ran-

Many callers gave informa-

tion about the train motif

seen on the breast pocket of

the kidnapper's jacket, which

police regard as a vital clue.

on their hands.

som money.

wanted man.

tenham, a former president of the Liberals, speculated on whether the burglary and reports of thefts from Democrat offices might be part of something sinister.

"One does have to say now that reports of breakins of a number of Labour MPs and break-ins we have had of our offices round the country combined with this very serious theft makes one wonder if there is not some pattern there rather than random events," he said on

Spokeswomen for the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives have described the incidents as nothing more than ordinary burglaries inspired by thieves hoping to find office equipment which could be easily removed.

The Labour incidents include three thefts from the office of Jack Cunningham, the party's campaigns direc-tor, during which computer records were taken. In another incident, computer records were taken from the office of Marjorie Mowlam, a Labour spokeswoman on City affairs. Other MPs have reported that their computers have been tam-

The Liberal Democrats say that over the past eight months the headquarters of their association of local councillors at Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, has been burgled three times. There have also been breakins at constituency offices for Truro, Brecon, Littleborough, and Saddleworth in Greater Manchester, at Bath, and Richmond and Barnes, in London.

pered with.

The Conservatives have had constituency party of-fices robbed in the past 18 months in Bath, Leeds, in the North-West and at Streatham and Wimbledon

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Andrew Phillips, Paddy Ashdown's solicitor, issuing copies of a statement to the press yesterday

How Scots law beat gagging writ

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE publication by The Scotsman yesterday of Paddy Ashdown's relationship with his secretary is a striking example of how the media can exploit the existence of a different jurisdiction in Scotland to circumvent a

"gagging writ".

After the publication in Scotland yesterday, and Mr Ashdown's statement, lawyers had the injunctions binding the English media discharged. Writs had been obtained

by Bates Wells & Braithwaite, Mr Ashdown's lawyers, against News Group Newspapers after learning that the News of the World had a copy of a document stolen from its offices. That effectively bound the rest of the press after a ruling during the Spycatcher proceedings said that an injunction binding one newspaper bound all. The injunctions still had to be served on the papers individually, because publication could be not being aware of the existence of the injunction, or ignorance of the confidential nature of the document.

William Garnett, of

Bates Wells & Braithwaite, said yesterday that an injunction had not been sought in Scotland because, if the English press had complied with the terms of the injunction, the Scottish press would not have known of the existence of the confidential material or of the injunction. He added that it would not have been possible to obtain an injunction against the Scottish media without some evidence that a Scottish paper intended to

It appeared that the material had been leaked to Scotland via the English media, he said. As a result of the Scottish disclosure, the confidential nature of the material was destroyed.

Andrew Phillips, Mr Ashdown's solicitor, said yesterday that the use of Scotland as a "back door" begged the question of whether the distinct jurisdictions "related to the reality of modern media and lands. It makes one think that perhaps there ought to be some reform to bring in some reciprocity on these

Affairs of state end with no great political harm

SADLY but historically, the Liberals have attracted more than their fair share of scandal, proven or otherwise. Dirty tricks were clearly at work when the tabloids float-ed suggestions in 1987 of an improper association be-tween Sir David Steel, then the party leader, and a woman party worker in Scotland. Sir David won damages of over £100,000. and an apology, from The Sun and the Daily Star.

His wife, now Lady Steel, said at the time. "If you are in politics you have to expect this sort of thing." In the immediately following elec-tion, Sir David's majority in his safe Borders seat went down by only 4.6 per cent, less than the national decline in centre party fortunes.

Jeremy Thorpe, his predecessor as party leader, was crucified on the cross of insinuation, although he was never found guilty of any with one. His involvement in the Norman Scott case in luckless association with a collapsed secondary bank, London and Merchant Securities. His eventual decision to resign was taken

In the wake of the Ashdown disclosure. Alan Hamilton looks back at the effect of politicians' indiscretions

against a background of disastrous municipal election

Historians and biographers have mused for a century over Gladstone's true motives for stealing out at night to save fallen women. He suffered not a whit, and even in his 87th year was pronouncing, Thatcher-like, from the back benches, on the conduct of his party. English morality, like

English law, appears to take dimmer view of offences against property than offences against the person. Lloyd George had a long-standing affair with his secretary Frances Stephenson which did him no great polhe eventually married her. And: of course, Ireland.

Brief encounters with secretaries come and go. The elephant trap of Ireland goes

on forever. There is nothing more ridiculous, the historian Lord Macaulay once observed, than the British in a fit of morality. Today's tabloid newspapers are the in-heritors of a long tradition of rampant hypocrisy, yet dalliance between a political leader and, as they so fragrantly put it, "a woman who is not his wife", has rarely of itself been the cause of downfall.

No eyelid would have been batted at John Profumo's association with Christine Keeler had not a presumed KGB colonel from the Soviet embassy shared the poolside at Cliveden. But his real crime, and that which pulled the final brick from under a tired and tottering 12-yearold Tory administration, was his blatant denial of any

liaison to the Commons. Post-war Labour governments have endured much innuendo, but not much fatal sexual scandal. Mrs Thatcher appeared to take sexual indiscretion around her cahinet table in her token spell in the wilderness to the offender. Perhaps women are better able to see these matters in a wider

Muscular dystrophy 'fault' identified

The genetic fault responsible for the commonest cause of adult muscular dystrophy has been identified (Nigel

Hawkes writes). Teams from Britain, The Netherlands, Sweden and America report in Nature that they have found the region of DNA responsible for myotonic dystrophy, which is believed to affect about one person in 7,500. Keith Johnson, of Charing

Cross hospital, London, and Duncan Shaw, of the University of Wales College of Medicine in Cardiff, report that in 90 per cent of those affected by the disease, a larger than normal DNA fragment can be isolated from the region of chromosome 19 known to hold the fault. The size of this fragment increases from one generation to the next, in parallel with increasing severity of the disease.

The next step, according to the Muscular Dystrophy Group which has helped to finance the research, will be to study the gene and establish the protein which it should be producing — the lack of which is assumed to be responsible for the symptoms of the disease. The prospects for drug or gene therapy would then become brighter.

First novels deal attacked

The chairman of the Dillons bookshop chain yesterday at-tacked deals which several publishers have made with W.H.Smith to publish first

movels in paperback.

Terry Maher said that while it was true that a new novel would be counted a success if it sold as many as 1,000 copies in hardback, that was because artificially high prices protected by the net book agreement inhibited serious marketing. He pre-dicted that the W.H.Smith initiative would fail. Hardback threat,

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Mother and son found dead

A man found battered to death is believed to have been killed by his mother before she took her own life. The bodies of Ward Brooks, aged 28, and his mother Sheila. aged 52, were found at a house in Carluke, Strathclyde, on Tuesday night. He Mr Brooks's wife Carolyn said that since their separation last February he had spent most of the year living with his mother. "As far as I know there was no problem between him and his mum." Post mortem examinations were carried out yesterday.

Cheltenham Tory returns

A Tory rebel who led the campaign to overturn the selection of John Taylor, a black barrister, as parliamentary candidate for Cheltenham has been returned to the

party executive from which he

was expelled over a year ago.

Bob Williams, aged 55, a
businessman. was unanimously voted back onto the executive of the local party's Charlton Kings Ward in Cheltenham. His return was proposed by the chairman, Mrs Jenny Morton, Mr Williams said yesterday: "We need all the help we can get today and I am out to get it.

Hearing ends

The Court of Appeal reserved judgment yesterday on appeals by five homosexual men who claim they were wrongly convicted of acts of violence committed during mutual sado-masochistic activities in their own homes. A judge had ruled that the violence was so extreme that the law had to intervene. The men argue that judges have no right to dictate what consenting adults can do in private.

Case resumes

Alison Halford, assistant chief constable of Merseyside and Britain's highest ranking police woman, yesterday re-sumed her action at a Manchester industrial tribu-nal in which she alleges sexual deiscrimination. Miss Halford, aged 51, who is suspended on separate disciplinary charges, says she has been repeatedly passed over for further promotion because she is a woman.

Tennis enquiry

The environment secretary has called a public enquiry into plans by Warwick district council to demolish what are believed to be the world's oldest lawn tennis courts, in Victoria Park, Learnington Spa, and replace them with a £1.2 million indoor bowls

TSW franchise Kidnapper 'used same appeal dismissed hideout By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TELEVISION South West's

legal challenge to the Inde-pendent Television Commis-sion's decision to award its licence to a lower cash bidder napped Birmingham estate was turned down yesterday.

agent Stephanie Slater was The Court of Appeal upheld at the same place where held by a 2-1 majority the ITC's rejection of TSW's Julie Dart was kept, and probably killed, after her £16. I million bid in favour of abduction in Leeds last year. Westcountry Television's £7.8 Detective Chief Inspector million offer on the basis that John O'Sullivan of West the ITC had acted within the Yorkshire police confirmed law. But Lord Donaldson of this last night. He said that Lymington, Master of the police were checking all types Rolls, dissenting, argued that of accommodation to try to there were reasonable find the location which may provide vital clues about the grounds for considering that the LTC had not given TSW's Mr O'Sullivan said that it

bid a fair hearing.

TSW had argued during the judicial review that the was unlikely that after Miss Dart's murder he would have ITC's decision had been untravelled far with her body in fair and irrational. The ITC the boot of his car and his had said that TSW's bid was hideaway may well be in South Yorkshire or closer to too high to ensure that its programme obligations Grantham, Lincolnshire. would be met. near where she was dumped. Police were sifting through

Dismissing the company's case, Lord Justice Nolan said: "The judgment of the ITC may be right or wrong, but it is fully explained and it is plainly one which the ITC was entitled to make."

Harry Turner, TSW's managing director, said he was extremely disappointed by the ruling. The company will decide whether to appeal to the House of Lords at a board

meeting today.

George Russell, chairman of the ITC, welcomed the decision as an important precedent for regulatory bodies. "Our work has been under the most intense scrutiny. As was said, the ITC did play by the rules, and I am delighted that the professionalism and thoroughness of that work has been underlined by this positive outcome."

Westcountry Television said: "We are looking forward to continuing our plans to implement a quality service for viewers in the West Coun-try without further

 This is not the first time that Lord Donaldson has found himself out on a limb Frances Gibb writes).

In 1988, when the Court of Appeal held that newspapers were free to publish the con-tents of Peter Wright's book, Spycatcher, Lord Donaldson dissented from a decision by the court that The Sunday Times should not be banned from continuing with its serialisation of the book.



Pools winner: Joyce Beynon with Adam Faith the actor yesterday after receiving a cheque for £2.027,493.40 from Littlewoods Pools. Mrs Beynon, aged 62, of Upper Church Village, Mid-Glamorgan, won the second highest pools payout with a stake of 54p. "I've spent years counting the pennies and only recently we've been turning off the central heating because we were worried how high the gas bill might be," she said. "My one ambition has always been to go on a cruise holiday one ambition has always been to go on a cruise holiday, so that's close to the top of the shopping list, but top of the list is a new bungalow." Mrs Beynon received the cheque at the Royal Mint, Llantrisant, near her home. and she was shown what her winnings looked like in newly minted £1 coins

Labour and SNP declare total war

OUTRIGHT political war broke out between Labour and the Scottish National Party yesterday with both hurling a string of accusa-tions at the other, leaving the Conservatives a moment of respite in which to lick their wounds.

The Tories' tactic of polarising the constitutional argument between independence and the status quo, appears to be paying off. The fight is now between Labour and the nationalists to attract voters to either devolution or a break with the union. Support for the Tories has solidi-fied, showing a modest rise in their popularity to 23 per Donald Dewar, Labour's

Scottish affairs spokesman, began his party's attack on the SNP yesterday, accusing it of peddling "the most blatant form of fraud" and shamelessly manufacturing evidence to back its call for an independent nation. "The myth that a separate

Scotland would suddenly become a land of conspicuous affluence can only be supported by false figures, doubtful statistics and selective quotes," he said. Labour pub-

lished a document entitled Nailing the nationalist lie, in which the party sought to destroy the nationalists's economic argument for independence. Mr Dewar said that the

slick assumption that every-one would be better off in a separate Scotland was insulting. "We have 8.9 per cent of UK population. 8.8 per cent of the tax paying units and contribute only 7.5 per cent of income tax receipts. It is a pattern repeated across the fiscal range. Put at its best there is no certainty that we would be able to maintain the level of public services and the infrastructure which Scotland needs."

Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, told his MPs in London: The last few days have seen a level of hysteria from the SNP's opponents unparalleled since the 1970s. Every smear in the book has been wheeled out to rubbish Scotland, to denigrate our people and to tell us that we are not capable of standing on our own two feet." He accused Labour of recycling Tory lies.

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Funeral directors accused of 'hiding' cost of coffins

By PETER VICTOR

THE cost of funerals can vary from £269 for a basic service with simple coffin to as much as £725, according to a Consumers' Association survey of 100 funeral directors.

Most charged between £400 and £600. Many did not produce a breakdown of prices and the association said that there seemed to be no good reason why some could provide a service so much more cheaply.

Funerals with a veneered coffin and a limousine for mourners ranged be-tween £360 and £890. Such wide variations were unlikely in one area, the association said, but in any one region

they could differ by £100 or more. "Funeral directors should be required to give clearly itemised estimates and bills," Which? magazine said. Only one in three gave the association a breakdown of charges. More than half the firms in the nationwide survey hid the cost of the coffin even though it was usually the most expensive item. The association said that the National Association of Funeral Directors' code of practice needed to be improved and more stringently monitored.

Wally Parson, chairman of the

funeral directors' association, said that it was difficult to compare different costs. "Even with basic packages, some funeral directors will provide more than others," he said. "There are going to be price variations."

He pointed to another survey yesterday of 2,500 people who had arranged funerals in 1990 or 1991, in which 96 per cent said that they were satisfied with their funeral director. The survey, for Chosen Heritage, an advance payment funeral company, said that 58 per cent thought they had received good value for money, while only 2 per

cent thought it poor.

The same survey found that 73 per cent believed that funerals were expensive. Figures in a previous survey for the company recorded an average cost in England and Wales of £965.71, an increase of 11.3 per cent over 1990.

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publish 'truer' league tables for schools

By JOHN O'LEARY HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ment. Local authorities and

teachers' unions have been

pressing the government for more sophisticated rankings,

but Mr Clarke has insisted

that parents will make their

own adjustments for a

the controversy, as well as renewing the debate on selec-

tive education, because it

shows that pupils' academic

ability at entry is a much

more important indicator of

examination success than a

school's ethnic or social mix.

the research project moved

shown to do particularly well

with particular types of pupil.

One school jumped from near

out of 42 schools when its

progress with a lower ability

The report was based on the results of 4,633 pupils at

59 schools in the London boroughs of Camden, Isling-

ton, Greenwich, Hackney,

Wandsworth and Lewisham

in 1990. None is expected to

Last night, the Assistant

Masters and Mistresses Asso-

ciation welcomed the report

as further evidence that ex-

amination-based tables were

☐ The Liberal Democrats

yesterday launched the first

part of their election package on education with a commit-

ment to double the number of

university and college stu-dents by the end of the

Matthew Taylor, the par-

ty's education spokesman,

said that higher education

would have first call on the

extra £1.95 billion the Liberal

Democrats have promised for

education. The money would

be raised by increasing in-

come tax by a penny, if neces-

sary. A new policy document, Learning is for life, commit-

ted the Liberal Democrats to

abolishing student loans.

publish the results.

intake was examined.

A quarter of the schools in

Yesterday's report will fuel

LOCAL authorities are to publish their own league tables of schools, taking into account the background of . pupils, after learning that the government's rankings would misrepresent the performance of up to a quarter of

SDAY HERE

An analysis of six London boroughs' results by researchers at the London School of Economics and the London University Institute of Education showed dramatic changes in some schools' ranking when social factors and pupils' previous test scores were taken into account. Desmond Nuttall. who led the research team, said yesterday: "Our method will never be perfect, but for my money it is a distinct improvement on 'raw' league

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities, which commissioned the research, is asking its 67 members to publish their own "value added" tables next year.

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Stephen Byers, who chairs the association's education committee, has written to Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, urging him to incorporate the researchers' methods into the schools legislation now before Parlia-

Prices of houses fall 3.6% in year

By RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE prices fell by 1.2 per cent in January, the latest Halifax building society house price index shows. It follows a fall of 1.3 per cent in December and means that house prices are now 3.6 per cent lower than a year ago.

"Although there are encouraging signs of an upturn in activity in the housing market in January, this will have little impact on house prices over the next few months," the Halifax said. "House prices should recover during 1992 but, by the end of the year, are likely to be only

slightly over current levels." Prices were falling at a slightly faster rate this month than last month, it said. They were falling at an annual rate of 3.6 per cent, compared with 3.5 per cent in the year to December. The average price of a house now is £66,470, compared with.

£66,900 a year ago.
The price paid by first-time buyers fell in January by 0.8 per cent, but prices are only 1.6 per cent lower than a year ago. The average price paid by a first-time buyer in January was £48,907.

Squatters moved into an office block in central London yesterday to protest against the government's plans to criminalise squatting. Twenty squatters moved into the building in Old Street, owned by Islington council, and plan to stay there until

We want to highlight the criminal neglect of commer-cial and residential property in the midst of soaring homelessness," Squatters Action for Secure Homes, a campaigning body set up before Christmas to fight changes in the law on squat-

The squatters are controlling access to the building after changing the lock on an

Town halls | Politicians clash on Sinn Fein deaths

PETER Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, and republican politicians clashed yesterday over the lessons to be drawn from the shooting on Tuesday of three Sinn Fein supporters by an off-duty Gerry Adams, the Sinn

Fein president, produced a suitcase and three spent shotgun cartridges which he claimed had been used in the attack by PC James Moore on the Sinn Fein headquarters in west Belfast. He alleged that the items had been left behind by police when they had finished their prelimi-nary investigation. He implied that the police were less than efficient because the dead were republicans.

"I have to ask you to consider the thoroughness of the police investigation if they can't remove such a large piece of evidence as this," he

Mr Brooke defended the Royal Ulster Constabulary and dismissed nationalis and republican claims that significantly up or down the rankings when "value added" was assessed, and some were senior officers were at fault in releasing on Monday the ob-viously disturbed PC Moore. He insisted that RUC officers had acted correctly in the way they handled PC Moore after he had been found drunk and had fired shots over the grave of a dead colleague.

The RUC have standard procedures and they were pursued," Mr Brooke said. Mr Adams accused the

RUC of engaging in a "cyni-cal damage limitation exer-cise" and said that Tuesday's shooting should be put in the context of the series of recent attacks on Sinn Fein members by Protestant paramilitaries.

His comments are likely to strike a chord with many Roman Catholics in the province following recent evidence

of security force collusion in some killings of republicans. The RUC says that it is receiving little help from Sinn Fein or local people in its investigation of the shooting. Mr Adams said yesterday that as Sinn Fein has no faith in the police it was urging witnesses to the attack to give statements to solicitors rather than the RUC.

Meanwhile, it emerged yesterday that one of the three men killed in the attack, Patrick McBride, was jailed for 12 years in 1977 for a series of arson attacks in Belfast.



An injured man is carried out yesterday after gunmen opened fire at a Belfast betting shop, killing five

No hint of PC's stress says father

THE father of PC Moore said sterday that his son had shown no signs of anything being wrong when they talked on the telephone 24 hours before he went on the rampage (Jamie Detimer

writes).
Speaking from his home in Ballymena, Co Antrim, Samuel Moore, a justice of the peace, said that he kept in constant touch with his son, aged 24, who rang him every day when on duty. He described him as "a great boy" and added: "We have had a rough time and, in the circumstances, the family do not want to speak about it." Later, a Church of Ireland

rector, the Rev Stewart Lloyd, said that the Moores could not understand what had happened. "He was their only son and they are upset that he took three other lives. It was totally out of character. It makes their grief that much more difficult."

A colleague of PC Moore criticised newspapers yester-day for describing the disturbed constable as a "crazy cop". The officer, who contacted the Belfast Telegraph newspaper, described PC Moore as a "sane, sensible

He said that PC Moore had been badly affected by the death of a close friend and colleague, PC Norman Spratt, who was shot dead recently during a domestic row. "Norman's death just sent him over the top."

The officer highlighted the strain of long hours on police-men in the province and said that PC Moore was extremely hard-working. "He worked 16 to 18 hours a day, five or six days a week. All he did was work, go home to bed, get up and go to work again."

Ambushed soldier kills IRA gunman

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

Defence Regiment soldier shot dead one of four IRA gunmen who ambushed him Police said that the soldier,

who works as a dog warden, was called to a house near the border village of Belleek, Co Fermanagh, at 11.30am to put down a dog. Unknown to him, the house had been taken over by the gunmen who had crossed from the Irish republic on Monday and were holding the 60-year-old

owner at gunpoint. It is not clear when the shooting began but the soldier managed to draw his personal protection weapon

— probably a revolver — and
in spite of being shot in each
leg, managed to shoot dead also have injured a second.

PART-TIME Ulster The rest of the gang fied in a car that was later found abandoned near the border.

Irish police patrolling on the other side were alerted by the RUC and two men found hiding in a dyke were

☐ Two Royal Marine commandos were yesterday charged with murdering Fergal Caraher, aged 20, and attempting to murder his brother Miceal, aged 23, while they were driving near their home at Cullyhanna, south Armagh, on December

Richard Elkington, aged 23, and Andrew Callaghan, aged 20, of 45 Commando Royal Marines, denied the charges. They were remandone of his attackers. He might March 4 by Belfast magis-



"I sensed the rebirth of an ancient pride suppressed for seven decades. Islam was returning." Colin Thubron takes a spiritual route through

Uzbekistan

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RETREAT



The Buddhists of Samye Ling in Scotland are turning Holy Island, off the west coast, into a place of contemplation.

And the locals seem Saturday Review

REPAST



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Weekend Times has the food and drink for a perfect Valentine's day teast

Gulf pilot tells of navigator's death

A PILOT shot down over Iraq during the Gulf war told an inquest yesterday how his friend and navigator was killed when a ground-to-air missile hit the plane.

Flight Lieutenant Rupert Clark, aged 29, was captured when his Tornado crashed behind enemy lines in February last year. His navigator, Flight Lieutenant Stephen Hicks, aged 29, died instantly when a ball-bearing from the missile pierced his heart. An inquest in Oxford into his death was told that their plane was one of eight Tornados and four Buccaneers tak-

ing part in a bombing raid. Flight Lieutenant Clark, now stationed at RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire, said: "We had started the attack. Just after one of the bombs had come off the aircraft, we received an alert from a Buccaneer. I remember the exact words were 'Double missile launch over

the target." "I tried to release the second bomb, and also the fuel tank and other weapons, to make my aircraft more manoeuvrable, but I was not successful because of a computer glitch. The next thing, there was a huge great explosion which rocked the aircraft." He called his navigator on the intercom and shouted his name, but got no reply. He said: "I looked out and could see another missile approaching. I still had some power and manouevred so it was underneath us. That one also detonated and damaged the aircraft."

Flight Lieutenant Clark ejected himself and his navigator at 5,000ft. As he steered his parachute away from the wreckage of the plane, he saw Flight Lieutenant Hicks land and lie motionless on the ground. Nicholas Gardiner, the Ox-

fordshire coroner, recorded a verdict that Flight Lieutenant Hicks was killed on active service while engaged in



Rupert Clark, arriving home after the war

Fee plans **'threaten** law jobs'

BY FRANCES GIBB

LEADING defence solicitors who secured the freedom of victims of recent miscarriages of justice joined forces yesterday to give warnings that government proposals for fixed fees in magistrates' courts would force them into bankruptcy.

The solicitors, sharing a platform at the Law Society's London headquarters in preparation for a mass protest rally on Wednesday, said that the proposals would drive thousands of lawyers out of business. People facing such charges as assault or shoplifting would be unrepresented and unadvised. Michael Fisher, who repre

sented Paul Hill, one of the Guildford Four, said: "If these proposals are implemented, thousands of lawyers will give up legal aid work. The only lawyer to be found in a magistrates' court will be a crown prosecution lawyer." Danny Simpson, who represented one of the Tottenharn Three, said that under

the proposals solicitors would

have to do work "at a stan-

dard we are not prepared to

do it at or we go bankrupt". Law, L&T section page 19

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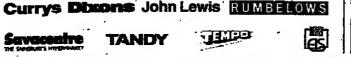
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BR pays for breakdown and 'bomb'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

BRITISH Rail yesterday invited claims for compensation worth several thousand pounds from West Country travellers caught up in delays and cancellations after a train broke down and a station was closed because of a bomb

A colonel has been given a severe reprimand by police for leaving his attache case unattended at Andover railway station, which had to be closed on Tuesday as bomb squad officers were called. The incident compounded the confusion endured by up to 2,000 people on three rush-hour trains after an elderly locomotive broke down at

Waterloo. The commuters' problems began when the 16.15 from Waterloo to Yeovil was cancelled because of the train failure and the 16.55 to Exeter

was held up by 60 minutes as a result. Then, from 18.52 to 19.12, Andover station was closed because of the security alert, forcing the delayed 16.55 to be diverted via Southampton. That train finally arrived at Exeter 90 minutes late. Finally, the knock-on effect left passengers on the 17.30 to Yeovil

stranded at Waterloo for 40 minutes. The colonel, who has not been named, returned to Andover station, which is used by battalions of army personnel every day and regarded as a potential IRA target, just in time to retrieve his case before it was detonated. It had been found by a member of BR staff in a waiting room for passen-

gers travelling to Salisbury.

The colonel will not be prosecuted but a police spokesman said: "in these days of terrorism he is being told to get his act together." Network SouthEast invited applications and said that compensation would be in reimbursed taxi fares and vouchers for future travel as well as in A spokesman said: "There were ex-

treme delays caused in part by the loco failure, which was our fault, exacerbated by a security alert, which was not. There was a fair degree of disruption for which we apologise. We should like to know passengers' individual circum-stances and claims will be considered on their merits."

It is the second major compensation claim on the line since the new year. BR's decision to invite claims on the first occasion followed a letter to Sir Bob Reid, its chairman, from Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, who received complaints from constituents in Yeovil BR paid £7 million compensation to passengers last year for delays and cancellations.

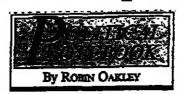
Conservatives get a sharp lesson in Scottish nationalism

SITTING on thistles is one of life's less pleasurable occupations. But that, in effect, is what the Tories appear to have chosen. The Conservatives lost 11 of the 21 seats they held in Scotland before the 1987 election. When the Liberal Democrats captured Kincardine and Deeside in November, they became

Scotland's second largest party.
The devolution tide is running stronger than it has done in a decade. Last week's ICM/ Scotsman survey recorded 50 per cent support north of the border for independence, and for some years polis have shown four in five Scots preferring indepen-dence or a devolved assembly to the status quo. The SNP offers independence; Labour and the Liberal Democrats are committed to a Scottish assembly. The Tories alone are offering Scots voters nothing more than the status quo.

Once again in the Commons on Tuesday John Major rejected calls by nationalist MPs for a referendum on independence. He and Ian Iang, the Scottish secre-tary, insist that the union has served Scotland well and reject any concessions to devolution. Mr Major tells colleagues that the Scots have been sold a false prospectus, offered the prize without the price.

Meanwhile, there are threats that Scottish Tory candidates will offer DIY devolution policies on the doorstep, and there is open acknowledgement that the party might have trouble muster-ing enough Scottish MPs after the election to staff the Scottish Office. Ministers concede that



the devolution question will have to be addressed after the election, even if it would be too much of an unseemly scramble to change the policy now.

On the surface, the government's stance appears to be sheer political masochism, yet Tory MPs are by no means all cast in gloom. Some believe that a Scottish National Party surge on the back of the devolution/independence question could actually benefit them.

The nine surviving Scottish Tory MPs, in order of marginality, are the retiring George Younger (Ayr. 0.3 per cent). Michael Forsyth (Stirling 2.1), James Douglas-Hamilton (Edinburgh W 2.5). Malcolm Rifkind (Edinburgh Pentlands 8.3), Ian Lang (Gailway and Upper Niths-dale 8.9). Sir Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross 12.0), Allan Stewart (Eastwood 12.2), Bill Walker (Tayside N 12.4) and Sir

Hector Monro (Dumfries 16.7). Since last August the Tories have been running at 22-23 per cent, a snip below the 24 per cent they took in Scotland at the last election. The Liberal Democrats, on 10-11 per cent, some 8 have also remained largely static. The movement has been be-tween Labour and the Scottish Nationalists. The SNP, having averaged 16/17 per cent in the first half of last year, has lately

been averaging 22-23 per cent. way up on its 14 per cent in 1987. Labour, which had improved its election mark of 42 per cent to 53 per cent last summer, has declined again to 45 per

Pollsters believe that Labour. happy to have agreed on its Scot-tish assembly, has let things slip and allowed the argument between the Tories and the SNP over independence to steal the agenda. Few Tory supporters would have been keen devolu-tionists, and the higher the profile for the devolution/independence argument, it is argued, the more likely the Scottish nationalists are to surge, largely at Labour's expense.

Of the five most marginal Scottish Tories, three - George Younger's successor Phil Gallie,

Michael Forsyth and Malcolm Rifkind – have Labour in second place. A nationalist shaving of the Labour vote would certainly benefit them. James Douglas-Hamilton had a Liberal/ Alliance candidate in second place last time, with Labour and the SNP well beaten off. Of the five. only Ian Lang had an SNP candidate in second place in 1987 hence perhaps his vehemence on the unionist case. But Labour's 13 per cent in fourth place in 1987 does not allow for much

squeezing. Scottish elections are not decided on the devolution/independence question alone, which ranks only sixth among the issues of concern listed by electors. It seems unlikely to add to the Tory troubles and could even help to save a Tory seat or two.

Labour quotes leak in NHS offensive

Hospitals' cash troubles covered up, Cook says

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party yesterday launched its health offensive on the back of a leaked document which showed that 86 to improve his credibility. hospitals, including NHS

trusts, were in financial Robin Cook, shadow health secretary, accused the government of covering up the truth about a "financial crisis" in the health service and claimed that hospitals were now being forced to "slam the

brakes on patient care". William Waldegrave, the

DUNCAN Nichol, the chief

executive of the NHS, has

told health authorities that

they may not close wards or

beds to make financial sav-

ings without first consulting

the NHS management exec-

utive. The instruction, given

to regional general managers

and passed on to hospital

managers, will be seen as an

attempt ease the passage of

the NHS reforms and lower

But yesterday Labour high-

lighted eight hospitals and

NHS Management Execu-

tive to illustrate the difficulties

However, the picture that

emerged from managers con-

tacted by The Times yesterday was confused. Some claimed

they had overcome their

problems while others said

faced by the NHS.

the political temperature.

dismissed Mr Cook's "scare story" as a "damp squib" and said that it would do nothing The internal document

from the NHS management executive, dated January 27, shows that 29 hospitals are forecasting an overspend at the end of the year and 86 units of a total of about 400 were over £100,000 in deficit at the end of November.

Mr Cook yesterday made it clear that he was intent on keeping health at the top of the election agenda until poll-

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

In Bioomsbury the leaked memo forecasts a £5.3 million

overspend by the end of the

financial year, amounting to

2.3 per cent on its annual

budget of £230 million.

David McVittie, director of

finance said £3 million of

income had been lost because

outlying health authorities

had referred fewer patients than expected. The shortfall

would be covered by contin-

gency reserves and a regional

with a projected £2.7 million

overspend, 6.75 per cent on

its annual budget of £40 mil-

lion. The leaked memo says:

"DHA to produce revised ac-

tion plan. Could have signifi-

cant service implications -

politically sensitive." Mau-

reen Dakriell, the general

health authority loan.

for next year.

ing day. "In every week from now until polling day Labour will tell the truth about the health service," he said. Within two weeks the party is expected to publish a revised health policy document, although details are being

Yesterday Mr Cook pointed out that only a month ago Duncan Nichol, NHS chief executive, said that hospitals were heading for a broad financial balance. "It was not true. Moreover they knew it

were going on with the re-gion. There have been no

The Alexandra hospital,

Bromsgrove, facing a

£350,000 overspend after the

number of patients treated

rose by 12 per cent above

what had been contracted for,

planned to close two wards

with a total of 56 beds at

Christmas to limit demand.

This was vetoed by the region,

according to the leaked

memo, so managers closed

56 beds throughout the hos-

and the rest are expected to

At Guy's, Peter Griffiths.

the chief executive, said: "We

started the year with a £6-8

million deficit but I forecast

the trust will break even by

the year end." He said £6

million had been saved by

making 90 staff redundant

re-open shortly.

ward closures," she said.

Managers told not to close wards

The health department said later that the projected deficit totalled about £15 million. Mr Nichol said that inevitably in an organisation as large as the health service there would be deficits in some places matched by surpluses elsewhere

balance this year."

too big a task."

Mr Cook also accused civil servants of covering up for ministers and said that the document made clear that the first priority was to keep the truth about the hospitals out of the news. The document referrred to the need to £500,000 deficit at the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford.

admitted that the deficits might be made good by transferring money still held in reserves by regions or districts or through local management action. Last month Mr Nichol admitted that £200 million had been held back in reserves, £75 million of which was "risk money" to cope with uncertainties in the market.



Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, launching the logo for Britain's presidency of the EC yesterday. Mr Hurd said Britain would make a determined push to cut the costs of the common agricultural policy when it for the second half of the year (Michael Binyon writes). Mr Hurd said that if the Portuguese, current did not reach agreement on EC finances by June, Brit-ain would have to continue this as well as seeking agreement on Gatt trade

Parties find comfort in poll tax figures

BY DOUGLAS BROOM LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

likely impact of the poll tax on the general election was given yesterday when councils in two key marginal seats declared their charge levels for the year starting in April.

Labour-controlled Hammersmith and Fulham council in West London, which was charge capped last year, said its poll tax would rise from April by just £3 from £247 to £250, while the Labour council at Pendle in Lancashire announced an 18.5 per cent rise to £259.

Both main parties are expected to draw comfort from the figures for Hammersmith, where Clive Soley. Labour's housing spokes-man, has a 2,415 majority. and Pendle where Tory John Lee holds the seat by a mar-

gin of 2,639. In Hammersmith Labour will cite the financial prudence of their local council as evidence that the party can be trusted in government, a welcome chance to refute Tory claims that Labour councils cost more.

In Pendle Mr Lee will be able to castigate the Labour council for a large percentage

THE first indication of the rise, safe in the knowledge that in spite of the increase the local poil tax will still be close to the government's target of £257.

Labour-run Bury in Greater Manchester has announced a 6.5 per cent rise from E269 to E315.27, while Conservative Bracknell Forest in Berkshire said its poll tax would fall from £229 to £214 in April. Dover council in Kent, where no party is in control, announced the biggest percentage rise to date, up by 34.5 per cent from E189 to £254. It blamed much of the rise on a 13 per cent increase in spending by

Tory Kent county council. The five councils are the first formally to declare figures. Provisional estimates from other authorities suggest that poll tax rises across the country will average about 15 per cent, more than three times inflation. All five figures have yet to be formally

Conservative-controlled Wandsworth council in southwest London has already announced that it will set a zero poll tax in April, for the second year running.

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manager, said "discussions" and the CAP. they were storing up trouble and not filling 400 vacancies. Rebels want villages to Rifkind exploits confusion share school sale cash over public spending plans

By Sheila Gunn political correspondent

in a leaked memo from the is in a more serious position

CONSERVATIVE peers will protest today at the government's refusal to allow some of the proceeds from the sale of village schools to be kept to benefit local children. They are backing an amendment to the Charities

Bill in the Lords, bringing in a recommendation of the report Faith in the Countryside commissioned by former Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert (now Lord) Runcie. However, some bishops say that the amendment goes further than the report's propos-al. A spokesman for Church

House said that the Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev Michael Adie, will oppose the amendment on behalf of the board of education which believes it opens the way for interest groups to put pres-sure on the Church of England to sell village schools at reduced prices. A spokesman for the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, said yesvoting. The report called for a



Runcie: set up church commission of enquiry change in the charity law so that some of the proceeds of village schools could be used towards facilities for local

children. Today's "rebels" include the Tory peers Lord Stanley of Alderley, Lord Prior, who chaired the commission, and Lord Renton, together with the independent peer Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls.

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT THE Conservatives moved yesterday to exploit Labour's confusion over whether it would scrap Treasury rules including local authority spending and private sector investment in public bodies

as part of the public sector borrowing requirement.

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, said that Labour's spending plans were in disarray because their frontbench spokesmen were contradicting one another over whether they would

change the rules. The dispute blew up on Tuesday after Clive Soley, Labour's housing spokesman, backtracked on a commitment to abolish rules that the Opposition regards as a brake on badly needed

Referring to Labour's plans for a phased release of £6 billion to £8 billion of local authority receipts from council house sales to pay for a new round of house building. Mr Soley said that Neil Kinnock and John Smith had agreed to change the rules so that the money did not add to the PSBR. Under pressure from the Labour leadership and a challenge from Sir George Young, the housing minister. he later backed down, saying he was mistaken. "There is no plan to revise the PSBR. I was wrong. I withdraw it," Mr

Soley said yesterday. The Labour leadership's sensitivity to Conservative allegations that it is planning a £37 billion spending increase appear to lie behind Mr Soley's climbdown. One insider said yesterday that the party hierarchy was worried that the prospect of several billion pounds extra for new council housing would be

seized on by the government.

Mr Rifkind broadened the assault on Labour by targeting John Prescott's similar though more modest plans to increase British Rail's investment in new rolling stock and track by relaxing the Treasury's accounting rules.
Mr. Prescott said yesterday that nothing had changed. "I just reaffirm our position that we have agreed that the Treasury rules regarding public sector borrowing will be changed to allow BR to bor-row from the private sector to

finance, as an experiment. 188 Class 465 Networker trains for the North Kent line at a cost of £150 million." A senior party spokesman made it clear that an incoming Labour government would proceed with its plans to release local authority capital receipts and a private sec-

tor input into BR investment. However, there would be no swift redefinition of the PSBR. A Treasury source accused Labour of living in "fantasy land" if it thought it could exclude from the PSBR liabilities that were as much the government's financial of Defence.

Weep, ye daughters of San Salvador, when the politicians unite

Owere mown down in Northern Ireland yesterday and parliament seemed hardly to notice. MPs and journalists had no time for trivia. They were engrossed. They had found, at last, an issue they could all understand.

Well, this sketch welcomes you to a snigger-free zone. I shall say nothing about sex. It was El Salvador which featured prominently, yesterday. Tories and Labour agreed with the Foreign Office view that the situation there is satisfactory. Catastrophe must be imminent. Heaven knows what HMG's

policy towards El Salvador but it must be wrong. Labour's Jeremy Corbyn rose to ask about it, and put the first question of the day. How were things going with the cease-fire in El Salvador? Fine, said minister of state Tristan Garel-Jones, and thanks for asking.

Ho-hum. Corbyn is a bearded leftie representing the electors of trendy Islington. He looks like the sort of young revolutionary who used to feature in early Soviet posters painted in the school of socialist realism. Garel-Jones is a wry Tory

fixer representing the bur-

Parliamentary sketch **MATTHEW PARRIS**

ghers of Watford, and about as ideological as Watford That something terribly

wrong must be afoot in El Salvador became even clearer when the Tories' Jacques Arnold rose to support Mr Corbyn and Mr Garel Jones. Mr Arnold is as revolutionary as a twin-tub washing machine, whose grinding action his Commons manner strangely resembles. He is assiduous in intervention on Latin America, recommending free-market economics

But the moment we knew all was lost was when Labour's spokesman George Foulkes rose. Foulkes is a Scot of the maximum-volume kind, hammer of the English Tories. In mid-bellow, eyes bulging, Mr Foulkes looks like that 19th century Gilray drawing A Voluptuary Under the Horrors of Digestion. We pinned

back our ears for a rant. "For once, Mr Speaker, and surprisingly, the House is uni-ted," Mr Foulkes said

What fantasy was this? A surreal composition in which a bearded and fistwaving representative of Brutalist art, in poster-paint, links arms with a baroque conspirator, in oils - the pair joined by a plump and flushed line-drawing, and a speaking washing-machine — all gathered to sing the praises of HMG's policy in Central America. Weep, ye daughters of San Salvador.

Sanity was restored some

House turned to the old Soviet Union. Douglas Hurd, the smoothest tongue on the Tory front bench and destined (if he outlasts Peter Brooke) to be the last Cabinet minister in British history to say "orf" instead of off", actually said something party political

To Roger King (C. Northfield) goes the credit for prodding this super-intellectual toff into the vulgarity of the election brawl. Where would East-West politics be (asked King) if Labour had been in power? Golly! From Mr Hurd Mr Hurd paused. There election must be soon.

minutes later when the are kind and unkind ways of making this point", he said, meaning that there were smooth and a rough ones. He would give us the smooth one, no doubt?

No. "If we had followed the advice so loudly and frequently given by right hon gentlemen seven or eight years ago, it is highly proba-ble that the hammer and sickle would still be flying over the Kremlin and, more important. Soviet armies would be massed in Europe. Perhaps there's a moral to

.be drawn." Golly! From Mr Hurd! The



Supergun 'financed by bank'

Midland Bank officials have been called to give evidence next week to the parliamentary enquiry into the Iraqi supergun. They will be questioned about allegations that they helped a Belgian company supply military equipment to

Saddam Hussein's regime. Geraid James, former chairman of Astra, told the Commons trade and industry committee yesterday that he believed a contract for a Belgian firm to supply the products for "a very large gun" to Iraq via Jordan had been financed from Britain, probably through the Midland Bank.

Crime schools

Television programmes meant to help detect crime show criminals new methods, John Smith, Labour MP for Vale of Glamorgan, said. He introduced a bill to prevent the showing of such techniques. Although it was given a first reading, it has no chance of becoming

£9m health aid

Britain is to give a grant of £9 million to improve the health of 7.7 million children in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, announced. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said Britain's relations with India were

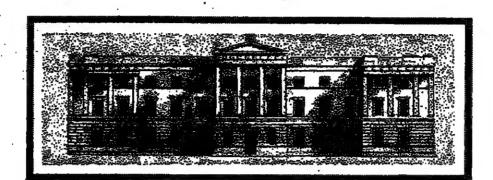
MP says sorry Robert Hayward, Tory

MP for Kingswood, who last Friday talked out the bill to improve the rights of disabled people, apologised in the Commons for having misled MPs. He had denied intending to talk the bill out, but said he planned to make his views known. Another attempt will be made to get the bill through on February 21.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; prime minister. Debate on Opposition motion on the recession. Lords (3): Charities Bill. report, first day.

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"AR ASSENCE HOLE"

Keays denies timing pregnancy at end of 11-year affair

SARA Keays accepted in the High Court yesterday that she had been weak during her 11-year affair with Cecil Parkinson and too ready to believe his protestations of

The Conservative MP's former secretary denounced as a "damnable lie" the suggestion by newspapers that she deliberately became pregnant by him towards the end of their affair. She told a libel jury she tried to end it because she was unhappy and pointed out that in her book, A Question of Judgement, she had acknowledged the "unwisdom and the misery" of an affair with a married man.

Miss Keays, aged 44, of Marksbury, near Bath, was giving evidence on the third day of her action against New Woman magazine over an article in October 1989 which she says labelled her as a kiss-and-tell gold-digging bimbo who wrote her book to make money and cause maximum embarrassment and hurt to her former lover's

Miss Keays, who has a daughter Flora, aged eight, by the former Conservative party chairman, became angry and emotional during cross-examination by Des-mond Browne, QC, for the defence, about what he called the "years and years of Mr Browne put to her: "You say that you had the misfortune to fall in love with a married man, but the fact is that for nearly 12 years you

deliberately conducted an af-fair with him which was concealed from his wife." Miss Keays told Mr Justice Drake and the jury of nine men and three women: "I was not happy and tried to end

Mr Browne: "But did not?" Miss Keays: "No. I accept that I was weak. I was too ready to believe his protestations of love."

Miss Keays said she had written her book not to win sympathy, but to put across the truth. Mr Browne asked: Where in the course of all those pages do you express a single word of sympathy to-wards Mrs Ann Parkinson?

Miss Keays said that, al-though she referred to Mrs Parkinson, she "passed no comment on her or any of her

Dealing with the "decep tion" involved in the affair. Mr Browne asked if Mr Parkinson visited her frequently when she was in Brussels in 1980. She replied that he had. Mr Browne pointed out

that she described in her book how he would book into the Europa hotel, where visiting British ministers usually stayed, but never slept there. He asked Miss Keays: "Why did he never sleep there?" She replied: "I would have thought that was obvious from my book. He was with

Earlier, asked by her coun-sel John Previce, QC, if there were any truth in suggestions she deliberately became preg-nant, she said: "None whatsoever. The suggestion that I got pregnant deliberately, that I timed my pregnancy, it is a damnable lie."

Miss Keays said she be-lieved the idea that she planned the baby to "get her hooks" into Mr Parkinson was also present in the New Woman article at the centre of her libel action.

Miss Keays has said she was "outraged and sickened" by the magazine article. Murdoch Magazines (UK) and Frankie McGowan, former editor of New Woman, deny libel. They claim it was true to say Miss Keays's motive in writing her book was to make money and cause maximum embarrassment to Mr

Miss Keays continues her

Business sours at cheese mecca

By JOHN YOUNG

THE cheese shop which pioneered a gastronomic revolution by persuading the post-war public that there was more in life than "mousetrap" cheddar has called in the liquidator. Hugh Rance, aged 35, owner of Wells Stores, in

Abingdon, Oxfordshire, said that he hoped an investor or buyer would rescue the business, otherwise he would have to close in weeks rather than months. In 1953 Mr Rance's

father, Major Patrick Rance, bought the village store in Streatley, Berk-shire and built up his cheese stock. By 1980 he had about 150 varieties. The shop became a mecca for cheese lovers," his son recalls. "They came from all over the country."

He took over the shop in 1985 and in April 1990 the business moved to Abingdon, Mr Rance once supplied more than 30 restaurants. a trade alone worth £250,000 a year. but trade has gradually

"One of the saddest things is that we have been a big supporter of British farmhouse cheesemakers and, if we go out of busi-ness, they will suffer too."



Say cheese: Hugh Rance at his Wells Stores, which may be forced to close

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Kuwaiti emir asked to make gift of hall

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Conservationists have appealed to Sheikh Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah. emir of Kuwait, to help to ensure a stable future for Heveningham Hall, the Georgian mansion near Halesworth. Suffolk (John Shaw writes).

The Iraqi company which bought the hall in 1981 went into receivership last year after it defaulted on a £3 million loan from the United Bank of Kuwait. Ian Richardson, co-ordinator of the Heveningham Action Group. has written to the emir. who is chairman of the bank, asking him to forgo the loan, interest and costs, and give the hall to the National Trust.

Mr Richardson says in the letter that the gift would be "a most fitting and permanent memorial" of Kuwaiti grati-tude "for the liberation of their country by the United Kingdom and its allies".

Red stickers of shame

Eighteen police forces have launched a pilot scheme with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre to shame drivers into buying road tax. Bright red stickers will be plastered on cars without current tax discs, warning that the DVLC has been notified and that owners could face a fine of £1,000.

Drinker jailed for killing

A dentist who stabbed his best friend to death after an eight-hour drinking binge has been jailed for two years by Winchester crown court.

Mark Ter-berg, aged 34, of Hook Househire design Hook, Hampshire, denied murdering David Webber of Deal, Kent, but admitted manslaughter.

Reward case

Alex King, aged 18. of no fixed address, was remanded in custody by Portland magistrates, Dorset, on a charge of trying to falsely obtain a £15,000 reward offered for the recovery of Jo Ramsden, the missing 15-year-old girl with Down's syndrome.

Plane death

Colin Martin, aged 48, of Winterion, Norfolk, died when his model aeroplane struck power cables. Electriccontrol wires and killed him.

Blaze baby

A baby aged 20 months died in her father's blazing car after her four-year-old nephew set fire to newspaper in the back of the vehicle. Southwark coroner's court, south London, was told

Church cheer .

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pris

The Rev Colin Judd has been licensed by magistrates to serve wines and beer in the restaurant in part of the Anglican church of St Colum-ba's, Bradford.

Heat is on for spring flowers

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

Sex bias

payment

hits snag

By Frances GIBB

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A SOLICITOR who was awarded £4,000 by an indus-trial tribunal for indirect

discrimination might not be able to obtain a penny of the

money because of a loophole

Roberta Gold, aged 38, was found to have been discriminated against by

Tower Hamlets council, east

London, as her name was not put forward for promotion because she was a job sharer. It said she was a victim of

because fewer women can

comply with the conditions of

appointment to a full-time

post. Although the tribunal recommended the £4,000, it

cannot enforce the recom-

mendation. Under the Sex

Discrimination Act only direct discrimination has a right

to compensation.

Mrs Gold is hoping to pursue the matter under European law and is awaiting the

ruling in a case which could

provide an enforceable right

to compensation. The tribu-

nal adjourned her case pend-

ing the European court

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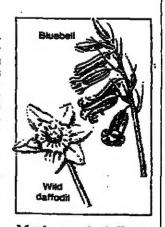
in the equality laws.

SPRINGTIME in the English countryside may never be the same again. Bluebells and even the wild daffodils that inspired Wordsworth would be displaced by more adaptable plants as the man-made "greenhouse effect" pushes up global tem-

peratures, a report says.
These and other spring flowers are at least expected to survive, if in fewer numbers and areas, according to scientists at the unit of comparable plant ecology at Sheffield University. Rare, cold-climate plants in the uplands, relics of post-Ice Age vegetation, could become extinct.

The report, commission-ed by Plantlife, an alliance of botanists, conservationists, scientists and gardeners, predicts that some Mediterranean flora may gain a foothold in southern England, while of the plants already here, some may find refuge further north and others, unable to find a colder home, could die out. As temperatures rise,

bluebells, snowdrops and similar flowers could lose the competitive edge of being able to grow in the chill of winter and early spring. Cow parsley, goose-grass, dandelions and garlic mustard, which now do not flower until late spring, could start growing earlier and crowd out traditional warm weather opportun- History Museum,



Moving north: daffodils and bluebells may have to find colder homes

advantage of milder winters, the report says. They include such weeds as pricklettuce and Canadian fleabane.

John Hodgson, one of the Sheffield researchers, said that most of the winners in global warming were likely to be plants that are restricted mainly by their sensitivity to colder temperatures." If the weather is hot and dry, then winter will become the main growing season. If there is rain throughout the year, sum-mer will still be the main period for growth and change will be slower."

Rare upland species are at most risk, the report says.

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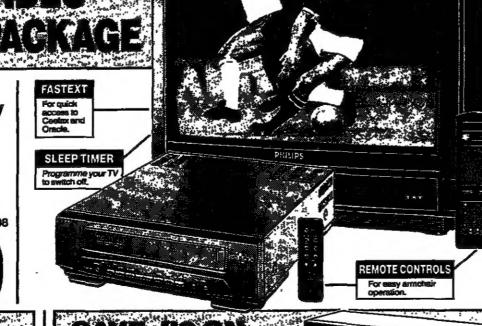
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Russian MPs will challenge tax cuts and pension rises

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S parliament will today challenge attempts by rethe republic's leaders to soften the recently approved austerity budget by boosting pensions and halving the rate of value added tax on some

The decision to step back from full austerity in the face of popular discontent took the highly unusual form of a resolution by the parliament's praesidium that was also President Yeltsin's cabinet. The decree, rapidly denounced by advocates of economic reform as an uncon-

stitutional attempt to bypass parliament, calls for a reduction to 15 per cent from 28 per cent in VAT on key foods. and the exemption from the tax of catering firms.

provides for a deficit for the first quarter of this year of 25 billion roubles (£24.6 billion at the newly introduced offi-cial rate) instead of the 11 billion rouble shortfall that parliament during last month's budget debate. The

Paris hangs out flags for Yeltsin

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

IN SHARP contrast to his last visit to France, Boris Yeltsin arrived in Paris yesterday to red carpets and fanfares. The Russian president and his wife, Naina, stepped off the plane at Orly airport to be greeted by President Mitterrane and his wife.

After a military inspection ceremony and the national anthems, the leaders and an assortment of ministers drove to the Elysée Palace, where M Mitterrand and Mr Yeltsin had a tete-a-tete, while their foreign, defence and finance ministers met separately.

The French have launched a massive security operation for the three-day state visit, weaving in as much pomp They are acutely embarrassed about their past treatment of President Yelssin. When the then president of the Russian parliament came to France last April, he received a chilly reception. Jean-Pierre Cot, the European parliament head of the ruling French Socialist party, described him

he was irresponsible. Observers say Mr Yeltsin was then snubbed when, having suggested a meeting with M Mitterrand, the French tried to refuse the request. the Elvice, but met only Jean-Louis Bianco, M Mitterrand's secretary-general. Officials in Paris now claim that the French president eventually appeared "at the end of the meeting". Observers say the snub was deliberate, and designed to show support publicly for Mikhail Gorbachev, the then Soviet president, in the aftermath of Mr Yeltsin's stunning elector al victory in Russia.

This time, Mr Yeltsin's three-day programme includes not just two meetings with President Mitterrand, but receptions by Edith Cresson, the prime minister, Roland Dumas, the foreign minister, and Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris and opposition leader, and the president of the Senate and National Assembly, as well as the signing of a new Franco-Russian treaty. This is being stillborn Franco-Soviet pact signed by Mr Gorbachev and M Mitterrand at Ramboullet in October 1990 but never ratified by the French

Also on the agenda is a series of co-operation agreeministration, culture and safety at civilian nuclear power plants. France has also said it will focus discussion with the Russian team on nuclear weapon security and will offer Eventually he was brought to to assist the republic in the massive disarmament pro-gramme announced last week by President Yehsin.

200 roubles a month to 550 apparently a backroom compromise between Ruslan Hasbulatov, the partiamentary chairman and a harsh critic of economic austerity, and such senior figures in the Yeltsin administration as Gennadi Burbulis.

Yegor Galdar, the deputy prime minister in charge of economic reform, pointedly stayed out of the bargaining. saying his hopes that the in-flation rate will ease during February and March depend on continued tight curbs on

the money supply.

Without reversing the increases of four or five times in the basic price of foods that followed deregulation at the beginning of the year, the tax concessions are clearly in-tended as a signal that Mr Yeltsin cares about the acute hardship faced by a majority of Russian families. However, an opinion poll published yesterday showed that Mr Yeltsin is unpopular with a key section of Russian society: the armed forces.

The poll, which was carried in the influential Moscow newspaper, Nexavisimaya Gazeta, found that 71 per cent of officers would like to see the Soviet Union restored as a single state, while 79 per cent said the armed forces should have the last word on decisions that concerned them. But perhaps the most ominous finding of the poll was the response to the question whether individual military units had or were likely to defy orders. A total of 36 per cent of respondents thought it "very possible" that this would happen, while 4 per cent said such incidents were happening already.

Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian Federation's maverick vice-president, and Colonel Viktor Alksnis, the hardline MP, are far more popular than President Yeltsin among the armed forces, according to the poll. Nezavisimaya Gazeta said among 1,500 of the 5,000 officers who attended last month's stormy congress in Moscow - was a sign of the massive pressure that is building up on leaders of the former Soviet republics to address the grievances of the military when they meet in



Fatherly concern: the Pope greeting Mother Teresa, who is recovering from heart surgery, during a private audience at the Vatican yesterday. As is customary with such meetings, the Vatican released no details of what was said between the Pontiff and the missionary, aged 81, who won the Nobel peace prize in 1979 for her

work among the poor, especially in Calcutta (Reuter reports from Rome). Mother Teresa told Il Mattino, the Naples newspaper, in an interview published yesterday that she was in a hurry to return home to Calcutta. "Charity doesn't wait, especially now that we have been allowed to open lour first mission] in China," she said.

One of her doctors said that the Cali-fornian team that had been treating Mother Teresa since she had heart surgery there in December had allowed her to travel "because her state has not yet fully recovered". Mother Teresa was discharged from hospital in the middle of last month.

Habash controversy

Cresson to fight for her future

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

UNLESS something goes seriously wrong, President Mitterrand's dismissal of the George Habash affair as nomore than an administrative "error of judgment" will be endorsed at a special session of the French parliament opening tomorrow.

Even the ineptitude of

Edith Cresson, saddled with explaining away the controversy in a prime ministerial statement, is unlikely to stop this toothless parliament rejecting the no-confidence vote promised by the opposition.

To that extent, M Mitterrand's notably belligerent manner during the live television interview on Tuesday night, when he gave the nation a brisk presidential ver-sion of the truth about the Palestinian guerrilla leader's visit to Paris, may be said to have paid off. For all the furious pressure from the opposition and most of the media for cabinet dismissals, it seems that the handful of senior officials already sacked over the fiasco will be the only victims of an affair which M Mitterrand insists was all got

up by the press. With the arrival of Presi-dent Yeltsin of Russia in Paris for a state visit yesterday, M Mitterrand was able to slip back into his preferred role as father of the nation, pomp and circumstance at every turn. Yet as political com-mentators on both left and right were swift to point out, the Habash affair may fade away but M Mitterrand's remarkable hold over the French will probably never be quite the same again.

For Serge July, editor of Liberation and until quite recently a generally sympaportance of the issue was what it showed about "the entrails of the executive terrand. Beneath the headline "A flagrant offence of state", July argued that the disastrous handling of Dr Habash's visit had revealed how normal procedures of government were short-circuited by "parallel networks" bearing the unmistakable im-print of the Elysee Palace.



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Serbs and Croats accused by UN

From James Bone in New York and Tim Judah in Belgrade

PROPOSING a modest increase in the number of "blue helmets" in Yugoslavia, the United Nations yesterday blamed Franjo Tudjman, Croatia's president, and Milan Babic, the leader of the Serb enclaves in Croatia, for preventing deployment of a

full UN peacekeeping force.
In a report to the UN Security Council, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretarygeneral, said the number of UN military liaison officers in Yugoslavia should be increased from 50 to 75. But he said that conditions for establishing the proposed 10,000strong peacekeeping opera-tion in Yugoslavia "still do not exist". The main obstacles were the opposition to the UN peacekeeping proposal of Dr Tudiman and Mr Babic.

Mr Babic, who heads the self-proclaimed "Republic of Serb Krajina" in Croatia, reiected the UN plan because it describes the area under his control as being "in Croatia". Dr Tudjman, who has recently won international recognition for Croatia, insisted that Zagreb should control the local government and police in any UN-protected areas. "I regret to have to conclude adopted by the government of Croatia and by the local leaders in what would be the Krajina UN protected area would, if maintained, constitute major obstacles to a decision by the security council to establish and deploy a peace-keeping force," Dr Boutros Ghali said.

Lord Carrington, the European Community's mediator in Yugoslavia, was expected in Belgrade last night in what was widely seen as an attempt

foreign secretary said on the

eve of his departure to meet the leaders of Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. Lord Carrington and Cyrus Vance, the UN special envoy to Yugoslavia, have recently begun to criticise Croat leaders for what they perceive as moving back on commit-ments Croatia has already

given to both organisations. Their confidence revived by international recognition. Croat leaders have begun to demand help in retrieving land lost in fighting to Serbs. Lord Carrington, who had worked for several months to

try and find a peaceful sol-ution to the Yugoslav crisis. made his anger with Germany clear last month after Bonn lead the drive for the recognition of the two former Yugoslav republics claiming that it undermined his mission and prejudged the As if to underline the reasons for Lord Carrington's

lack of confidence, more than 3.000 Serbs held a rally in the centre of Belgrade yesterday in support of Mr Babic, who has rejected the UN peace plan brokered by Mr Vance. "If we leave the people to the protection of the UN they will simply be slaughtered by the Croat fascists," one speaker alleged. Mr Babic has come under intense pressure from the government of Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia to accept the plan which envisages the demilitarisation of Serb areas in Croatia. "Serbs can choose between death and Milosevic," read one placard at the

In an alarming new development, Macedonian police put up checkpoints around Yugoslav federal army barracks in their repub-

month it was expensive at

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Berlin Wall guards go free

Bonn: Two former East Ger man border soldiers received suspended sentences of 18 and 21 months for shooting dead a man who tried to escape communist East Germany at the Berlin Wall in 1984. The ruling caused some surprise, as a guard in a similar trial last month was jailed for 32 years (Patrick

Moser writes).

Announcing the sentence.
Ingeborg Tepperwien, the
presiding judge, said each of
the two soldiers had fired about 30 shots at the victim, Horst-Michael Schmidt. aged 20. She said that the two had not sought to kill Schmidt, but had "favoured the possibility of the death of the fugitive over the possibility of an escape". This was a crime which even lifelong communist indoctrination

could not justify, she said.
In both the trials held against former border soldiers, lawyers have said that the real culprits are the former communist leaders who allegedly gave the "shoot to kill" order. Judge Tepperwien said there was no law empowering the guards, who were tried under East German law, to kill fugitives.

Two jailed for raping Briton

London: Two Spaniards have been given "exemplary" jail sentences of 30 and 26 years for the rape of a British teenager on a school visit to the Costa Brava.

A court in the regional capital, Girona, found Jorge Monje and Joan Garcia Fernandez, both aged 24 and from Blanes, guilty of raping the girl, aged 15, from Cheshire, in the resort on May 29 last year.

Dutch sabotage Amsterdam: Landing-light cables at the Nato air base of Gilze-Rijen were severed in the second act of sabotage against a Dutch air force installation in three days. On Monday, helicopters were set alight at a base near Arnhem.

Priest charge

Warsaw: Two former secre police generals, Wladysłav Ciaston and Zenon Platek, are to be charged with masterminding the 1984 murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity priest, Poland's justice ministry said. (Reuter)

Bases deal

Wellington: Former Soviet Antarctic bases are being kept open with US help in return for unique expertise on building runways on ice, Charles Paul, US National Science Foundation repre-sentative here, said. (AFP)

Prisoners riot

London: Inmates in a prison colony in Chita, eastern Siberia, have been rioting for several days to protest against cruel treatment and poor medical services, Russian television said in a report monitored by the BBC. (AFP)

Kohl's choice

Erfurt: Bernhard Vogel, an associate of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, was elected prime minister of Thuringia, succeeding a local Christian Democrat ousted for past collaboration with communists. (Reuter)

Cézanne lost Rome: A double-sided wat-

ercolour by Cézanne is missing from a drawer in the Museum of Modern Art here and feared stolen, Augusta Monferini, the museum's director, said. A restorer discovered the theft. (AP)

News in brief

Rome: Journalists on Italy's main state-run radio network have shortened morning news bulletins in protest against a move to a new studio surrounded by building sites which unions say are unsafe. (Reuter)

Roads closed

Vienna: Heavy snowfalls has caused traffic chaos in western Austria. Police closed roads to the ski resorts of Zuers, Lech, St Christoph and Stuben after fears that the heavy snow could unleash avalanches. (Reuter)

Captivating TV

Turin: Italian police found a man with knee-length hair and beard who has spent 23 years huddled under the stairs in his parents' home watching television. Bruno Cagliero, aged 43, said he did not want to go out. (AFP)

Rome to inquire into 'prison camp letter'

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

PRESIDENT Cossiga of Italy said yesterday he had appointed a committee of historians to examine the authenticity of a letter purportedly written by Palmiro Togliatti in which the Italian Communist leader refused to interverie on behalf of thousands of Italian prisoners of war dying in Soviet camps

during the second world war. Leaders of the Democratic Party of the Left, formerly the largest Communist party in the West, are meeting today to discuss their strategy, in the face of the scandal surrounding the letter, for Italy's parliamentary election on April 5; Some former Communists believe the letter, which was published by the weekly magazine Panorama. was disclosed to torpedo the chances of their new party in

the election formally called by President Cossiga on Sunday. Others believe the letter, which was found among KGB files on Komintern, the former Communist International, by an editor of Togliatti's writings, was made public

now to damage the ambition of Nilde Iotti, the former Communist president of the chamber of deputies, to become Italy's head of state after President Cossiga's term ends in July. Signora Iotti was the long-standing companion of Togliami before his death in 1964. She said last week that Italy should have a woman head of state.

· In the letter Togliatti was quoted as rejecting an appeal by another Italian Communist to use his influence with Stalin to save the lives of thousands of captured Italian

troops in Soviet prison camps. The Italian media have reported the discovery of several mass graves of Italian troops in the former Soviet

Togliatti is reported to have said in 1943: "Our position of principle regarding the armies that have invaded the Soviet Union has been defined by Stalin and there is nothing left to say. If for thousands and thousands of families Mussolini's war and, above all, the expedition against Russia ends in tragedy this is the best and most efficient antidote [to

President Cossiga yesterday defended his appointment of a commission of historians who are to visit Moscow to study the letter.

address to parliament by exhorting her ministers to be "more vigilant than ever" about the functioning of their departments. Given M Mitterrand's direct and personal links with the two men most heavily criticised over the Habash affair - Roland Dumas, the foreign minister, and Philippe Marchand, the interior minister — she must sometimes wonder where her authority actually holds sway.

Mme Cresson may also have been pondering why M Mitterrand is forcing her into the firing line for a vote of confidence if he considers the peace initiative. "I have not a affair of no real consequence. | grain of hope," the former

Diplomat's diary chronicles despair of food queues tell. While I kept our place teams to see European tience. In the rear store- income of 342 roubles per

w thought I ought to experience the early morning Imilk queue. Having agreed with Olga and Tanya (not their real names) to meet them this morning to buy milk, I got up at 0500, showered, dressed, had a mug of hot chocolate and set out in the pitch dark, to rendezvous at their local

Olga had just arrived before me at 0540 and was surprised that the line was so short. There were about 20 in front of us, although others joined ahead of us later who had booked their places. It seems that queues have different personalities. Olga and Tanya (who came later) prefer this shop to another slightly closer to home but where the clientele tend to be noisy and unhelpful. Ours was much more "cultured" (a term

Since opening Britain's consulategeneral last year, Barbara Hay has reported on St Petersburg's hardships. Her journal describes the hunt for food

dear to the Russian soul). order bulbs) and there was hence the keeping of places. It was a dry morning, although the sleet had tried half heartedly as I was leaving the botel and as it did on the way home.

The first 40 minutes went by fairly fast since we had things to talk about. But then the wind got up and I was glad of my five layers of clothes. No possibility to read to pass the time, although Olga had brought a paper "just in case", since the street lighting was dim time, there was a long line flamps strung down the behind us: at least twice as middle of the road but no many as in front, although money to replace out of in the dark it was hard to

no light from the shop to make the pavement more inviting ... I learned a new slang word, gorbushka. When Gorbachev and Bush met and the latter relaxed trade controls, chickens from America started to appear in shops, quickly being dubbed in honour of the two presidents. The shop opened prompt-

roubles (kg). ly at 0700, to everyone's re-lief, particularly the elderly who predominated. By this

in the Q1 queue at the till (pay first, collect goods later), they made their way to butter, which has not been the one counter to inspect what there was. Milk at that there are lots of cou-2.30 roubles (£2.34 at the official rate of exchange) per half litre bottle, each customer being entitled to six; smetana (sour cream) at 36 roubles a kilogram; eggs at 15 roubles (10); worog (cot-tage cheese) 13 roubles (kg); dried milk powder at 126

s we were packing our Abags with our pur-chases, they announced that there were only two crates of milk left so lots of people not so far-behind us would be unlucky. It was still dark when I got back to the hotel. Later on in the day. I went

with one of the monitoring

being sold. The queue for available for weeks ensuring pons to be redeemed, was at Meat was next door, though part of the same shop. Line not so long since there had been canned meat

Community butter and beef

there. Pensioners to whom I spoke, however, had been waiting since Saturday to purchase. They had learned that day that meat was to be sold so had come to stake their claim, establishing their own queue list to keep order and make sure that everyone got their fair turn. They had returned each day and waited in vain for the delivery. Today they had stood since 0730 for the shop to open at 0900 and

(British) heef boxes opened. In an adjacent room, a chap was breaking up the frozen meat into manageable pieces each weighing about two kilos with an enormous cleaver on what can only be described as a tree trunk about four feet and fixed very firmly to the T sually the meat is

room we had seen the

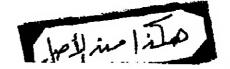
sold defrosted but these customers did not want to wait. Ten were being allowed in at a time but, because the sales assistants had to cut up the part frozen chunks further to tally with ration entitlements. service was a slow business. The pensioners were glad of the chance to have fresh were rewarded for their pa- meat but said that, on an

On the following day I did my weekly survey in the Nevsky Raion. Some things had changed. At the suburban supermarket, about 200 souls were waiting to buy chicken (gorbushki?) at 28 roubles (kg) and sugar at 7 roubles (kg), the first time that has been on sale for a

long while. Vignette of the day was the old lady who was lucky enough to buy the last of the smetana in another dairy. She appreciatively licked her jar before putting the lid on. Mystery of the day were the pecled oranges selling for 22 roubles a kilo as opposed to 25 roubles for those with peel, which had sold out.

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Greek tortoise snaps at the heels of Democratic hares



Tsongas: no longer an

Despite numbing cold and heavy snow, 600 people turned out to hear the presidential candidate at Dartmouth College on Tuesday night. He argued per-suasively. He made them laugh. They gave him a standing ovation and left transparently enthused. It was not bimbo-beset Bill Clinton that drew these people from their firesides, not Patrick Buchanan the television celebrity or Bob

Kerrey, the Vietnam war hero, but lowly Paul Tsongas, the funny-looking Greek from Massachusens who breaks all the rules of modern American politics by telling awful economic

A little-known former senator is surging ahead in the race for the party nomination. Martin Fletcher writes from Hanover, New Hampshire

Something strange is hap-pening in New Hampshire's frozen stomping ground. The tortoise is leaving the hares behind. After ten months as an amusing little sideshow, Mr Tsongas is surging ahead. The supposedly charismatic Mr Kerrey. Jerry Brown, and Tom Harkin are stuck in snowdrifts.

pared to \$1 million in 1991. Even his rivals have ceased their condescension and be-gun to attack. "Now I've moved up in the polls I'm Darth Vader," observed the The one-time senator's national support has jumped from 2 to 10 per cent. Two weeks before America's first

primary, he is running a

strong second to Mr Clinton

in New Hampshire, with a

quarter of the committed

Democratic votes and many still undecided. His negative

rating has plummeted. He

has raised \$250,000

(£140,000) in ten days com-

with yo-yo eyebrows and mismatched lips. He admits he is "pretty excited".

When he declared last April, President Bush was at 91 per cent and every other Democrat had taken cover. No one could pro-nounce his name. Even friends predicted that he would soon withdraw. Now he knows he's on a roll. "Believe me. I know what

non-momentous feels like." Mr Tsongas has minimal organisation outside his native New England and re-mains a long-shot for the nomination. But any of the last three candidates may drop out if he tramples them

50-year-old cancer survivor in New Hampshire, and, in with yo-yo eyebrows and the not-impossible event that he beats Mr Clinton, bigname Democrats like Mario Cuomo or Richard Gephardt might be hared into the race. Through early success with his message, he could raise the election to a seriousness not seen since 1980.

It was Mr Tsongas's winning performances in two televised debates recently that has made the crucial difference. In a rare concession to media driven politics, he accepted presentational advice from his cousin, a speech coach. He chastised his opponents for offering the "lollipop" of tax cuts, greater public spending and

protectionism - "sizzle with-

out the steak". He cast them as packaged, poll-hooked nessman from the real world who champions the painful but effective economic remedies set out not in 30-second advertisements but an 86page book.

Mr Tsongas has now hit his prime. He won over the United Auto workers on Monday, Dartmouth intellectuals on Tuesday. His rivals were promising "economic steroids" that would pump up the economy until suddenly its knees gave out. He would pledge nothing for which his grandchildren would suffer. The reason New Hampshire is so important is that if you lose ree, the choice will be which santa Claus you want."

He has Jimmy Carter's high moral tone offset by self-depracating humour. People say I'm just another pretty face with a lot of charisma, but I disagree." He is a lousy tub-thumper but his message and low-key style are beginning to resonate in a more sober America. "He's the first politician I've heard who wants to be president to do something for the country, not himself," said Farbara Haak a retired Dartmouth librarian. "After Reagan and Bush. America may be ready for a little less charisma and a little more

UN envoy

hopes for

Somalia

ceasefire

Nairobi: A special envoy from the United Nations arri-

ved in Mogadisha yesterday in a desperate attempt to

bring to the negotiating table

the factions who tave devas-

tated the Somali capital in

more than two months of heavy fighting (Sam Kiley

Earlier UN attempts to per-suade General Muhammad

Farrah Aidid and President

Ali Mahdi Muhammad to

stop fighting have failed. But David Basiouni, a JN Soma-

li specialist, yesterday took letters to the two leaders per-

sonally inviting them to at-tend negotiations at the UN

beadquarters in New York.

The UN hopes that, if the

two leaders can be persuaded

to leave the country for talks,

a ceasefire might be possible

Cholera arrives

Buenos Aires: President

Menem confirmed the arrival

in Argentina of cholera, which has claimed 4,000

lives in South America in the

past 18 months, mostly in Peru. The Argenine death toll stands at six.

Execution call

Cairo: Gamal Abcul Halim.

chief justice of he Cairo

criminal court, has provoked

Pérez vows to punish army rebels

FROM TONY BIANCHI IN CARACAS

forces yesterday continued to round up an estimated 2,000 rebels, including 130 junior officers, believed to have been involved in the falled predawn coup attempt on Tuesday as President Pérez pledged "an unprecedented crackdown on anti-democratic and insubordinate

The defence ministry said the revolt caused the deaths of 14 soldiers and three civilians, and 53 other soldiers from both sides were wounded. But an unofficial count derived from several calls to military hospitals and other first aid clinics, add up to a total of more than 100 killed

and some 200 wounded. Political and business lead-ers said after meeting Señor

Tyson jurors escape blaze

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN INDIANAPOLIS

THE jury of the Mike Tyson trial was carried to safety on firemen's ladders early yesterday after fire swept through their Indianapolis hotel, kill-

ing three people. Federal officials were called in to investigate the possibili-ty of arson, although police said that the fire appeared to have broken out accidentally in a bar on the third floor of the Indianapolis Athletic Club hotel, three levels below the one occupied by the 12 jurors and three reserves who are deliberating Tyson's prosecution for rape. Two firemen and one guest died in the midnight blaze, and ten

people were badly injured.
Judge Patricia Gifford was due to reopen the trial late in the day after ensuring that the jury, being held for the duration of the trial without outside contact or television and newspapers, was in fit condition. "Mike, have you been playing with matches? supporters shouted as the boxer entered the courtroom for the ninth day of a trial.

Former judges and other legal experts observing the trial for television networks said lawyers for the former world heavyweight champion had clearly been thrown on the defensive after compelling and often emotional testimony which appeared to corroborate the claim by Desiree Washington, an 18-year-old beauty queen, that the boxer attacked her in his hotel room

But Vincent Fuller, Tyson's lawyer, has already begun to chip away at Ms Washington's credibility and in particular at her insistence that she did not engage in any sexual play with the boxer when he invited her to his room at 2am. One defence witness, a hospital chaplain, said that Ms Washington had told her that she had engaged in foreplay with Mr Tyson just be-fore the alleged rape. Cather-ine Newlin of the Indianapolis Methodist hospital said Ms Washington had told her that there was some involvement. "She got to a point where she said and indicated. 'No more'. That's where she indicated it continued. There was some sense of participation."

The point could prove crucial in attempting to show how forcefully Ms Washington refused her consent to sek.

VENEZUELAN government Perez that he was determined to do away with all the means that could facilitate any pos-

sible future uprisings.

The defence ministry alleged that four other officers in addition to Lieutenant-Colonel Hugo Chavez, the upris-ing's leader, were key figures. The quartet, also lieutenantcolonels, were identified as Francisco Javier Arias, Miguel Ortiz, Joel Acosta Chirinos, and Francisco Urbaneta Rios.

High-ranking military officers said that Fernando Ochoa, the defence minister, opted for the rebel forces to reach their various objectives before organising a counterattack, rather than intercepting them. They said that, although the tactics meant the loss of more lives, it assured the possibility of totally surrounding the rebel forces within two hours of their initiai attacks.

Late on Tuesday night, President Perez gave an emotional account of the coup attempt. His wife gave medi-cal assistance to a wounded rebel soldier in the presidential residence. The soldier begged for her forgiveness and said he was not aware that the attack would be against the presidential

Señor Perez claimed that a great number of rebel regular soldiers were not aware of the mission that they were em-barking on, and had been told that they were going to engage in a "night-time shooting exercise". Lieutenant-Colonel Arias said his forces were after "the rescue of the Venezuelan people from politicians, demagogu-

ery and bureaucracy". Other rebel leaders reportedly told military intelligence they were unhappy with the president's handling of a con-troversial border dispute with Colombia. Señor Perez has been criticised for allowing too many concessions to neighbouring countries.

A former defence minister Italo del Valle Alliegro, who led the successful quelling of the 1989 rioting in Caracas, said the reasons behind the coup were "the constant deterioration of democratic



Pérez: determined to prevent a repeat



Steps to peace: a woman guerrilla of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front near San Salvador dancing to celebrate the Salvadorean ceasefire. Rebels and government troops were confined to security zones from yesterday under a UN-brokered accord

Boat people hit by second fire

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

HUNDREDS of Vietnamese boat people, some brandishing home-made weapons, stampeded from their huts yesterday after a blaze in an empty building in Hong Kong's troubled Shek Kong detention centre, where 21 people burned to death in communal violence late on Monday night.

Five women and children crushed in the mêlée had to be taken to hospital. But police were able to prevent the incident turning ugly and persuaded the frightened people to return to their dormitories. Firemen blamed the blaze on children.

Tensions have been running high in the camp since Monday night, when bloody clashes developed between north and south Vietnamese from a squabble over hot water. The refugees are waiting to return to Vietnam under the United Nations-sponsored voluntary repatriation

programme. The fighting culminated in an arson attack on a hut housing nearly 200 north Vietnamese. Ninety-two people have been arrested over the incident, which caused more that 130 injuries

as well as the deaths. Late on Tuesday night, in another section of the camp. rival groups of north Vietnamese and ethnic Chinese from north Vietnam were dispersed with tear-gas before a further fight could break out. Yesterday, as thousands of north Vietnamese waited to be transferred to another

camp for their own safety, police confiscated more than 100 crude but lethal homemade knives and spears in a trawl of the centre, which houses 9,000 refugees.

In the wake of the tragedy, which critics say should have been foreseen, the embarrassed Hong Kong authorities moved out about 1,500 north Vietnamese. Camp workers said that the remaining 1,000 portherners, who are due to be moved out later today, were living in fear of another attack by their countrymen from the south. Northerners and southern-

ers have long been separated elsewhere in the camps after rivalries, deeply rooted in ageold tribal and cultural differences and animosities from the war, led to regular outbreaks of violence. But officials confirm that groups volunteering to return to Vietnam were put together in the belief that they would not be violent. Over the years more fights have broken out between rival groups of north Vietnamese or with ethnic

Chinese boat people. Peking: Underground Chinese dissidents have called on workers to set up an independent trade union on the lines of Solidarity in Poland to challenge the regime in Peking (Catherine Sampson

The call comes in a manifesto printed by the "Peking free trade union preparatory committee" posted to 2.000 official trade unions through-

Military 'fostering violence'

FROM GAVIN BELL

COVERT South African military units have been fostering violence in black commun ties in collusion with political opponents of the African National Congress, a judicial commission of enquiry was told in Cape Town.

Lawyers representing The Weekly Mail, a newspaper that has carried reports of links between military intelligence, front organisations, and bands of killers, submit that a campaign of destab-ilisation is continuing on a national scale. Their allegations were made in opening arguments to the commission of enquiry into political vio-lence led by Mr Justice Goldstone.

David Soggot, for the news-paper, said: "Military intelligence, which has set out on a strategic policy of fostering violence in black townships .. is still bent on that strategy and there is nothing to suggest that the original plan has come to an end. It is our case that such a plan was devised on a national scale."

The judge said a memoran-dum submitted by the news-paper, the ANC, and others, did not provide evidence of funding by the South African Defence Force of organ-isations involved in violence It did, however, contain allegations of violence committed by people trained in camps set up by organisations for-merly funded by the defence force, and these required urgent investigation.

Egypt arrests Israeli 'spies'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE shaky Middle East peace process suffered a new blow yesterday with Egypt's disclosure that an Israeli Arab and his student daughter had been arrested on suspicion of spying on Egyptian military sites.

Diplomatic sources said they believed the espionage case was the first of its kind since Egypt became the only Arab state to make peace with Israel in 1979. The two suspects, Fares Subhi Misrati, aged 41, and his daughter Faika, a language student, were being held at the Torah maximum security jail south of the capital after their arrest on Monday in a Cairo flat. Senior Egyptian security offi-cers said a third suspect, an Egyptian social researcher, had been released for lack of evidence. They claimed that Mr Misrati had broken his leg when he climbed out of a

window and tried to escape. According to the officers, policemen who searched the flat removed money and doc-uments. They said the three were suspected of collecting information on Egyptian military and strategic sites for the

A Western security expert said the case was certain to increase suspicion between Egypt and Israel, which is already high because of Israel's continuing construction of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories and its refusal to negotiate land for

Ephraim Dowek, the Israeli ambassador to Egypt, said yesterday he had first heard of the arrests from reading a newspaper. "We turned to the Egyptian authorities and asked whether two such

the next day they would give us details, etcetera." The Egyptian sources who leaked details of the arrests to iournalists said that the family of the suspects had originally gone to Britishmandated Palestine from Libya and had taken Israeli citizenship when the Jewish

people were arrested. They

told us, 'Yes, they were

arrested', that tomorrow or

state was formed in 1948. Since then, there have been a number of spectacular spy-ing episodes on both sides of the Arab-Jewish divide. Since the 1979 peace treaty, almost one million Israelis have come to Egypt as tourists but few Egyptians, other than journalists and diplomats, have visited Jerusalem.

 Jerusalem: The Israeli Shin Bet security service yesterday faced a potentially damaging enquiry into the death during interrogation of a Palestinian, who claimed in court the day before he died that he was being tortured (Richard Beeston writes).

Palestinian leaders and hu-man rights activists claimed yesterday that Mustafa al-Akawi, aged 36, was killed by a Shin Bet interrogation team in Hebron military prison on Tuesday and that possibly scores of other Palestinian prisoners have been subjected to physical abuse under

an uproar by demanding that a heroin dealer whom he sentenced to death se hanged on the street outside the youth club where he sold the drugs. Aid fatigue Kahal: An appeal for food sid to guerrilla-held central Afghanistan has received al-

most no response, a United Nations official said. Only Iran has responded by dropping food to the mountainous Hazarajat region. Reuter)

Party slumps

Wellington: New Zealand's ruling National party has shumped to a record low in an opinion poll, ten days before an important by election.
Only 11 per cent of respondents said they would vote for the government. (AFP)

Briton hela

Hobart: Zana Laws, a Briton, and Grant Maddock, an Australian, were arrested after they allegedly stowed away on a French supply ship and travelled to Antarctica to protest against the building of an airstrip there. (Rester)

Hideout taken

Bangalore: Police have taken over the hidecut where Sivarasan, the Sri Lankan Tamil suspected of plotting the murder of Raiv Gandhi, the Indian prime minister, committed suicide, to stop it becoming a shrine. (Reuter)

Treaty missing

Singapore: With Singapore ready to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its fall to the Japanese next week, no trace can be found of the former British colony's treaty of surrender on February 15, 1942. (AFP)

Scaled down

Dhaka: Bangladesh has banned the import and breeding of African catfish for fear that they could eat local fish. A research official said the catfish could turn the country into an aquatic desert within a few years. (Reuter)

Gay scout ban San Jose: A Californian scout

troop has been threatened with the loss of its charter unless it rescinds a resolution welcoming homosexuals. The scouting movement has a national policy banning gay scouts or troop leaders. (AP)

Recession drives Tinseltown stars on to Broadway boards Noel Coward's Private

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

RON Lowe, the young film star, is probably best known for the home-video he made with two girlfriends in an Atlanta hotel room.

But these days the bratpack actor, whose films include St Elmo's Fire, Class and Oxford Blues, can be seen on stage on Broadway in a 1894 French farce. John Mortimer's translation of Georges Feydeau's A Little Hotel on the Side, per-haps appropriately, involves

For Lowe, who plays the

a sexual escapade.

naïve nephew of the woman involved, his Broadway debut offers a chance to advance his acting career at a time when the movie moguls on the West Coast are reeling from the effects of the recession. Indeed, so many film stars have forsaken Hollywood this year to try their luck on Broadway that the influx is being called the 'Tinseltown

Effect". In the next six months more than a dozen film stars, including Al Pacino. Gene Hackman, Glenn Close and Jessica Lange, are to try their luck behind the

footlights. "There are an awful lot more Hollywood stars coming to Broadway." said Susan Harley, of the League of American Theatres and Producers. The new National Actors Theatre, which is present-

ing The Little Hotel on the Side, has undoubtedly contributed to the interest in theatre among the film community. Founded last autumn by Tony Randall, it has brought Martin Sheen, of Apocalypse Now fame, to play in Arthur Miller's The Crucible alongside Michael

What is good enough for

one big Hollywood star is obviously good enough for another. Next month, Mike Nichols, the film director, presents a cast including Richard Dreyfuss of The Goodbye Girl, Close (Fatal Attraction) and Hackman (The French Connection) in Ariel Dorfman's Death and the Maiden.

Dreyfuss was so keen to act in the Chilean playwright's tale of a woman who seeks revenge on the man who tortured her that he refused the chance to play Bacchus enthroned on a giant wine cup in the New Orleans Mardi Gras parade. Theatre producers recognise a good thing when they see one: opening a new show in these precarious times is much less nerveracking if a big Hollywood name is emblazoned across the theatre front. Among the other Holly-

wood transfers this spring is Alan Alda, who will appear in Jake's Women, Neil Simon's new play. Alec Bal-dwin, best known for chasing submarines in The Hunt for Red October, will team up with Lange in a new stage version of A Streetcar Named Desire. Joan Collins will play in

Lives, and Pacino will turn his Godfather talents to two short plays: Chinese Coffee and Salome Peter Gailagher, who

played the cheating hus-band in sex, lies and videotape, plays Sky Masterson, the role played on screen by Marlon Brando, in the stage revival of Guys and Dolls. "I try to go where the work is interesting." Gallagher says. "Money isn't the primary consideration. Guys and Dolls gives me the opportunity to fulfil a dream. I can hardly wait to sing that

lares

UN en hopes Soma cease

route by which frankincense

the northerly camel trails. The city, once desribed by T. E. Lawrence as "the Atlantis of the sands", was found at the site of a small village called Shis'r. Pictures taken by the shuttle Challenger in 1984 were used to identify the route of an old road, and to show where reserves of groundwater lay. Projecting

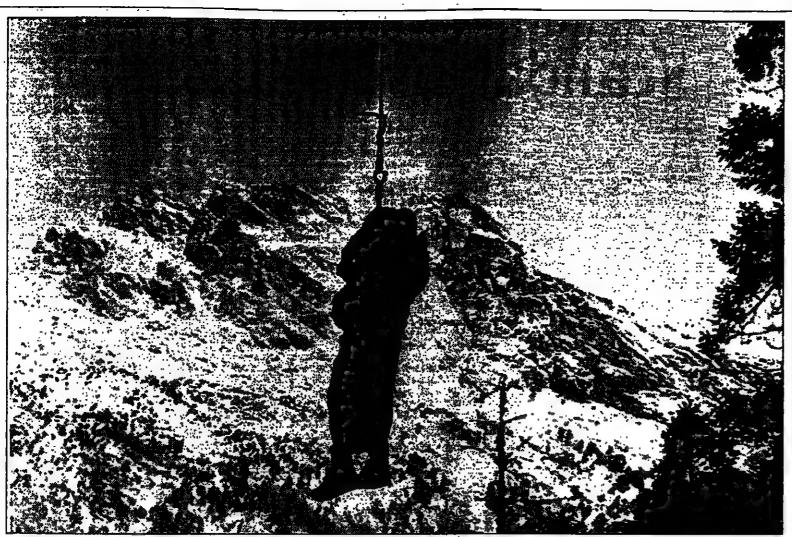
desert Atlantis the vanished road eastwards until it intersected with a water-bearing body. Sir Ranulph guessed a likely

Fiennes discovers

place to dig. Within four days, the exca-vators, from the Southwest Missouri State university, began finding artefacts. Juris Zarins, one of the archaeologists, estimates from the pottery finds that the city was occupied between 2800 BC and 100 AD. The dig has also found stone city walls, remains of seven 30ft mudbrick towers, rooms, and

frankincense burners. Sir Ranulph said yesterday that the city had been destroyed not because God was city was never very big, with no more than about 100 residents, but was surrounded by many campsites where came trains stopped.

Ubar in 1930, 1947 and 1953 failed. Sir Ranulph who has reported the discov ery to Sultan Qaboos bin Geographical Society that further expeditions be mounted to continue excavation, "It must have been an impressive place." he says.



dration. A hospital statement said yesterday that he had developed no a snow-covered valley by a moun-tain guide, who was directing a new complications and he continmed to improve. Mr Scott, aged 23. of Brisbane, survived by eating

marry Crown Prince Naruhito as he approaches his 32nd birthday. The 28-year-old graduate of Tokyo University and Harvard is increasingly mentioned as the probable future bride of the prince, whose bachelorhood is a source of consterna-

Masako Owada, a Japanese diplomat, is resurfacing as the most likely candidate to

imperial family. "Chances are big that the prince will get engaged between March and May and marry either in September or October", one imperial family-watcher told a weekly

tion for the Japanese public

and embarrassment for the

Bus trips to the French grave of Captain Albert Ball, VC, the first world war fighter pilot, are to start from his home city of Nottingham. Captain Ball was shot down and killed near Lille at the age of 20 in 1917 after destroying 43 German planes. He has a place of honour in a former German cemetery Annocullin.

.W. de Klerk, the South African President, arrived in Budapest yesterday for a oneday official visit designed to expand ties after the collapse of communism in Eastern

Europe. Arpad Goncz, the hart was flying with Freder-Hungarian President, ick Noonan, her co-pilot. praised de Klerk's efforts to reform apartheid. "South Africa is attempting to solve the biggest problem of our century." Goncz said.

Diplomat 'to wed prince'

A piece of the aircraft that Amelia Earhart, below, was in the Pacific 55 years ago while flying around the world

found on an island in the republic of Kiribati, according to the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery. The group said the piece of wreckage had several features, including rivet patterns and traces of a manu facturing label, which indicated it came from the Lockheed Electra that Ear-

Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, has arrived in Madrid for a two-day official visit to Spain. He is to meet King Juan Carlos, and will also have talks with Felipe Gonzalez, the prime minister.

Sean Connery has unwitting ly found himself the 007 of the Scottish nationalists. The former James Bond star, who recently joined the SNP's Newington branch, has been given the membership number C007. Mairi Stewart, branch secretary, said yester day: "We are in the middle of renewing membership and the 007 just happened to coincide with Connery."

Imelda Marcos has been asked for \$400,000 in unpaid fees from the St Francis medical centre in Honolulu where her late husband, the former Philippines president, spent his last months in 1989. The family made its last payment two months before Ferdinand Marcos died, the hospital director said, although he had received assurances from Mrs Marcos during her husband's hospital stay that she would make good

Strike aggravates Kashmir tension

Life line: James Scott being

winched up by a Nepalese rescue

helicopter after surviving 43 days

standstill by a governmentbacked national strike yesterday to express solidarity with Muslim separatists on the Indian side of Kashmir, marking a sharp increase in crossborder tensions.

Pakistani Kashmiris also lan a mass march to the border on Tuesday, although the government has decided to prevent them crossing over. Proops will be deployed to keep them back after India made it clear that anybody stepping into its territory would be shot, as many were in 1990 when tensions over Kashmir threatened war.

Yesterday's "solidarity day" was called by Mfan Nawaz treme volatility of Indian-Pakistani ties and the contin-

uing potential for conflict. The rising tension will add urgency to attempts by the United States to persuade Islamabad and Delhi to restrain their nuclear arms programmes. The danger of had their conventional arms capability reduced significantly by their respective loss of supplies from Washington

and Moscow Both sides are interested in producing medium-range nuclear missiles and could have the capability within live years, according to defence analysts. American officials say that the two countries may also be considering the

South Asia is now regarded as one of the world's most

THE long-lost city of Ubar, in the Arabian desert, may have

been found with help from the American space shuttle.

An expedition led by Sir

Ranulph Fiennes, the British

explorer, and Nicholas

Clapp, an American film-

maker, believes it has located Ubar, described in the Koran

as "a many-pillared city

whose like has never built in the whole land", on the site

of a tiny settlement 95 miles

north west of Salalah in

Sir Ranulph said yesterday

that excavations at the site.

which began at the end of

last year, had produced thou-

sands of artefacts including

Roman pottery. Egyptian cosmetics jars. Chinese painted stoneware and neolithic pottery dating back to 4000 BC. The finds indicate

that the city was occupied for

thousands of years, and

formed a staging post on the

was carried from Dhofar to

PAKISTAN was brought to a dangerous zones for a pos sible nuclear war. India is believed to have abandoned plans to invade Pakistani controlled Kashmir in 1990 after an American warning that Pakistan might respond

student lost during a trekking holl-

day in Nepal, had his first solid food

since his rescue in a Kathmandu

hospital, where he was said to be in

a critical condition with acute dehy-

with a nuclear strike. Sved Zakir Ali Zaidi, director-general of the Institute of abad, said that Pakistan reportedly had between two and ten nuclear bombs. "If this were so and it deployed all of them, India would not be destroyed. But India could wipe out Pakistan with only four bombs. It would therefore be suicide for Pakistan to use the bomb."

America's suspension of being used sparingly to prolong their life because spares are almost non-existent, and

been bought from the former Soviet Union. Defence and lysts in Delhi estimate that 75 per cent of Indian military equipment is made by Soviet factories. Some supplies are beginning to arrive again following a visit by Indian officials to Russia and Ukraine.

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When power is a family business

The Mussolinis are only the latest political dynasty, says John Grigg

he news that Mussolini's granddaughter Alessandra is trying her hand at politics will give pleasure to exponents of the hereditary principle. But her decision to stand as a neo-fascist suggests that, like so many other dynastic politicians, she lacks originality and is only a pale reflection of the founder.

Obviously occupations tend to run in families, probably more for reasons of environment and emulation than for genetic rea-sons, though doubtless in some measure for both. There have been notable musical and cricketing families, for example, as well as political families, and the latter have tended to crop up under

every sort of regime.

The hereditary factor has been scarcely less apparent in the Uni-ted States, with its loudly proclaimed democratic ideology, than in Britain, where democracy has emerged only in recent times, after centuries of absolute monarchy or

class oligarchy. In our history, two non-royal families have twice provided rulers of outstanding quality: the Cecils and the Churchills. In both cases there was a long interval. The Cecils were dominant under Elizabeth I and James I. and then became quite mediocre and obscure until they pro-duced a formidable prime minister in the late

Victorian period.

John Churchill, the first Duke of Mariborough, was the most powerful Englishman, as soldier and statesman, at the

beginning of the 18th century; but the Churchills then went to sleep, as it were, for the best part of two centuries, until the emergence of Lord Randolph and his greater

son, Winston.
The immediate progeny of first rank politicians have seldom shown remotely comparable tal-ent. Robert Cecil, first Lord Salisbury, was one exception; he was a worthy successor to his father, Lord Burghley. And of course Winston Churchill was another. Apart from them, there is perhaps only one case about which there would be no disagreement, that of ie iwo william Pius who thou different in character, were of

roughly equal talent and merit. The Chamberlains are a bit more doubtful. Joseph Chamberlain was a bigger man than his sons, Austen and Neville, though both of them held higher offices than he did. On the other hand, Neville - in some ways the least of the three - did become prime minister and was for a time an exceptionally masterful figure, as his father had been without holding the premiership or indeed anything more than the colonial

The two Wedgwood Benns are not quite in the same league as the Chamberlains, and still less in that of the Pitts. But they do illustrate the hereditary factor in politics, and there are plenty of others on the left who have done so: Hendersons, Greenwoods and Silkins, for

instance. Of the two Benns, Tony has certainly been the more signif-icant figure. Like Joseph Cham-berlain, though for a much shorter period, he made the political

In general, political talent seems to be subject to a law of rapidly diminishing returns. Gwilym and Megan Lloyd George were each. in their very different ways, politicians of note, but neither could seriously be compared with their father. Gwilym was very com-petent, but lacked his spark, and Megan had some of his spark but unfortunately entirely lacked his

industry.

Dynasticism can be a menace in politics if it encourages unsuitable people to bid for power or arouses popular expectations which cannot be fulfilled. In America, too much was expected of the Roosevelts after the family had provided two remarkable presidents (cousins), and more recently far too much has been expected of the Kennedy family. In India, the magic of the Nehru name had

tragic consequences, for both the family and the

In Britain, the dynastic principle is enshrined in one house of our perliament, the Lords. Automatic inheritance of seats in parliament assumes that the transmission of political talent can be taken for granted, whereas actually it is at best infrequent and intermittent. If the hereditary peers

neo-fascist candidate of their number to sit in parliament, there might be some sense in the system. Even so, it would be absurd to have a second chamber consisting only of hereditary members. It is equally absurd, however, to have nomi-nated peers sitting for life, for this has the inevitable effect of making membership of our second cham-

Alessandra Mussolini:

ber predominantly elderly.

In democratic politics, the folly of attaching too much importance to genes should be more widely recognised than it is. Electing people merely on the strength of their names can lead to disappointment, and may even be dangerous. Nevertheless, family thing else are natural, if not predictable, and may occasionally produce good results.

Most of the women who have hitherto wielded supreme power have either been monarchs or have in other ways owed their position to birth or marriage. Mrs Gandhi is a notable example of the first, Mrs Bandaranellie of the second. Golda Meir and Margaret Thatcher are among the very few women who have so far made it to the top in politics without family

advantages.

If Alessandra Mussolini were ever to become the leader of Italy, which seems most undesirable and is anyway hardly likely, her rise would be due to two hereditary assets: the name that she inherits from her grandfather, and the glamour that she inherits from her aunt, Sophia Loren.

Peter Riddell describes how astute political advice kept the Ashdown affair from spilling over

The first rule of political scandals is that if you are in A hole, do not dig any deeper. Instead, admit all and appeal for sympathy. Paddy Ashdown skilfully did this yesterday after admitting a brief secretary more than five years ago. He played a weak hand well.

Mr Ashdown's statement was reminiscent of the similar confes-sion of the Labour prime minister also being pressurised by the tabloids in the televised political thriller A Very British Coup. He also followed the precedent of Peter Brooke who won the sympa-thy of most of his colleagues a formight ago by apologising for his ill-judged singing of "Clementine" on Irish television only hours after a huge IRA bombing.

By contrast, those politicians seek to obfuscate and deny enerally come a cropper. If Richard Nixon had not ordered a cover-up of the Watergate break-in in June 1972, of which he knew nothing beforehand, he might not have had to resign. Similarly it was John Profumo's lying to the House of Commons Scandal limitation

which forced him out of politics

The curious feature of the latest events is not Mr Ashdown's brief dulterous relationship, but how it became publicly known. Violating the oft breached political rule that one should not put anything down on paper. Andrew Phillips, Mr Ashdown's solicitor made notes on what his dient had told him about the relationship. Nevertheless, it seems to have been appalling had luck, rather than a conspiracy, that the document was

Then, to compound the difficulty, when Mr Phillips learnt that the thief was trying to sell the compromising document, he reacted by issuing an injunction last weekend which specifically re-ferred to Mr Ashdown's personal life. In practice, this had the counter-productive effect of alerting the whole of Fleet Street and most people in the political world. The story has been the gossip of Westminster since then. It was

simply a question of how long it would take before the full details emerged, given the ingenuity and hypocrisy of many tabloids in evading the injunction.

By bowing promptly to the inevitable, Mr Ashdown may be able to gain sympathy. Only the most sanctimonious in the Com-mons will criticise what is by any definition entirely personal and private behaviour now several years in the past. There is no shortage of leading politicians, businessmen and even journalists who have had similar brief flings which they would rather not have discussed Lloyd George, with his semi-bigamous relationship with Frances Stevenson in Downing Street and later, was not the only Liberal leader to have a complicat-ed personal life. And several leading politicians have gone through separations, divorces and remarages with scarcely any comment.

Coming after this week's other allegations about dirty tricks, the affair may shift attention to the

role of the press. David Steel, Mr Ashdown's predecessor, yesterday sought to lead a counter-attack by expressing "outrage" at the intrusion into privacy entailed in the press's exploitation of stolen docu-ments. The record of the press could become the issue, rather

than Mr Ashdown's conduct. The political leaders, and fellow Liberal Democrat MPs, yesterday argued that the affair is irrelevant to the coming election. That may be, and should be, right, and the affair may be soon forgotten. But some Liberal Democrat MPs from nonconformist areas in the north of Scotland and rural Wales may be checking closely with their constituents this weekend. Mr Ashdown is potentially vulnerable because he has become so domi-nant in leading his party from the doldrums and divisions of 1988. To many voters he is the Liberal Democrat party, and his high personal popularity underpins its current 15 per cent rating in the polls. If his standing comes

in question, it may affect his party. especially since its other talent is thinly spread. Yesterday, revealingly, that shrewd old campaigner Sir David Steel played a more prominent part than he has for a

long time.
Mr Asndown's personal appeal has always been double-edged. To many natural supporters of the Liberal Democrats, his attraction is that he does not appear like a conventional party politician. Un-like John Major and Neil Kinnock, who have been active in politics since their late teens, Mr Ashdown did not make his commitment until he was 35, after a dashing military and intelligence career. He has little of the background or baggage of fellow MPs: indeed, he often slips up when discussing political history. By presenting himself as the outsider in politics, above the two-party battle, he opens himself to the charge of self-righteousness. He is just as committed to chasing power as the other party leaders. Mr Ashdown always reminds me of Jay Gatsby in creating mystery about his past as he reinvents himself at each stage of

his career. But being a buccaneer

Come on then, sue me

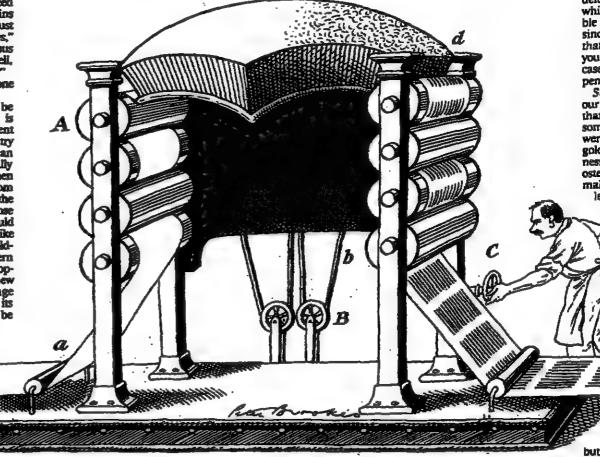
f I begin a sentence, or indeed if any other journalist begins a sentence, "Something must be done about the libel laws, there will be a virtually unanimous chorus from the readers of "Well, he would say that, wouldn't he?" Yet something must be done about the libel laws.

The first thing that must be done is to recognise what is happening under our present laws. Juries, who almost always my libel cases, have clearly adopted an attitude which has practically nothing to do with the gravamen of the case before them. That, from me - the sworn upholder of the jury system in the teeth of those (usually the judges) who would abolish or limit it — sounds like apostasy, but it is nothing but oldfashioned alarm. For if the pattern continues as it is, the developments we shall see will be not new libel laws but a powerful challenge to the jury system itself, with its crucial rule that a defendant be ried by a jury of his peers.
What, then, do I mean when I say that libel juries have abandoned their duty for an entirely different says that libel juries have abandoned their duty for an entirely different says that libel juries have abandoned their duty for an entirely different says that libel juries have abandoned their duty for an entirely different says that libel is the libel juries have a says that libel juries hav

ferent concept of fitting the punishment to the offence? We do not need a

report to tell us that what libei juries are doing is not just "fining those whom they specifically deem deserve it, but using the power with which they are entrusted to adopt a general policy of punishing the newspapers of this country, and in particular the less expensive ones, for the disgust and outrage they see, or persuade themselves to see, or think they ought to see, when they read our

national press. Tabloid newspapers are read by many millions of people, and it is beyond credulity to think that none of those millions ever fetches up in a libel jury, where - no amateur psychiatrist I, but no fool I either - they relieve themselves of the guilt they feel for the lubricious pleasure they get out of the latest scandal, to say nothing of the excitement they



Bernard Levin bemoans a law which mocks justice

get from the titties on page three. The result is what we see now virtually once a week. It is almost impossible for any individual, much less a newspaper (there is another goldmine, smaller but growing, in television) to defend a libel case with any chance of succeeding, however flimmy or even about the administration absurd the plaintiff's case. Indeed, to find a recent victory for the defence you have to seek one with a defendant as tough as Norman Tebbit, and even he might have lost had he not been up against that clown who wouldn't go into the witness-box himself but pushed a female employee into it to speak for him.

Not only is there practically no chance of a newspaper winning a

case, but those which courageously fight on instead of settling out of court are virtually certain to suffer even heavier damages for their temerity. And as for those damages, they are now so insanely out of kilter with anything the plain-tiffs have suffered (which in at least seven times out of ten is practically nothing at all) that the very lawyers must be tempted to give up the Bar and become full-time libeliees, the only profession that rakes in more than they do now.

It was Lord Hailsham, during his disastrous time on the Woolsack (go on, Quaggers, sue me) who was responsible for the law which prevents any member of a jury revealing anything that passes in its deliberations. The result is

that we cannot know how grossly some libel juries are breaking their oath. And the result of that is a situation in which libel is a coconut shy which guarantees a coconut with every throw.

The plaintiff does not have to prove his case: he can sit tight and demand that the defendant must prove his. And as for interpretation, it is perhaps the biggest scandal of all; again and again we see plain, familiar words turned inside out, upside down and left to right. Yes, both sides do that: the plaintiff makes the words look as wicked as possible, and the defendant makes them as mild as can be. But the law then tilts the scales, for the jury may do nothing but say whether it finds for the

which makes it virtually impossi-ble for a libel defendant to appeal, since there is nothing in the case that can be challenged. (And do you realise that libel is the only case in which the jury fix the

penalty?) Something must be done about our libel laws. (Well, he would say that, wouldn't he?) But for once something can be done, and if it were done, it would at once put the gold-digging plaintiffs out of busi-ness while giving them what they ostensibly want - a statement making clear that the accusations levelled at them were baseless, if,

indeed, they were. The rock in the path of a sensible libel law is the fact that a plaintiff does not have to show that he or she has been harmed by the allegations: the law assumes harm, however imaginary. is now rewarded with the riches of El Dorado. If it

prove harm, the weeping plaintiffs (takes out onion) could always get their costs offending words were unjust.

were necessary to

double under the weight of gold. Well, he would say that, wouldn't he? Yes, but not in the way you might think. I have not been sued for more than 20 years. and considering that a substantial proportion of what I write is well calculated to annoy somebody, or even everybody. I think that is not at all a bad record. In those years, I have from time to time apologised in print to people whom I have offended unjustly. for although I like annoying many. I have no wish to wrong even one: without exception the apology has been graciously accepted, and one to whom I apologised became a firm friend. O si sic omnes! Which is the Latin for "Mind you, when the new libel laws are enacted I shall say the most appalling things about Hatterslev.



...and moreover Craig Brown

April 10, 1992: Now that the general election is over, commentators are hailing it as one of the most pleasant and goodhumoured in living memory.

It is curious to recall that as

recently as February, many se-nior politicians were worried that it would degenerate into a quagmire of acrimony, muck-raking and mud-slinging. But that was until the dramatic intervention of Liberal Democrat campaign organiser Des Wilson, who, speaking live from his Lincolnshire home to the Daily Mail on February 3. implored all parties "not to desecrate the democratic process" and to "keep it clean".

Shamed by this moving plea from the elder statesman of British politics, politicians on all sides rallied to the cause of pleasantness. Throughout the campaign, not a mean or dishonest word was spoken by anyone, as can be gauged from this election diary.

February 24: Dr Jack Cunningham launches a new Labour poster campaign, targeting the Conservative record on the NHS. The slogan, "Rather Them Than Us", alerts people to what a very hard job it is to balance the books and keep everyone in the pink of health. Mr Chris Patten immediately steps in. On The World at One he declares that Labour could probably manage the NHS just as well, and that "to be honest, we're bored stiff with being in

charge of it". February 29: Patten launches a Conservative poster campaign

influence over the Labour party. The hard-hitting slogan is "Nothing Much To Worry About". Calling an immediate press conference, Mr Roy Hattersley denounces Conservative Central Office. "They're being far too kind — we've still got quite a number of union bosses breathing down our necks!" he laughs. "But nevertheless I'm most grateful to Chris for underplaying it so kindly."

March 14: The election camtalga purper gets underway. A Labour party political broadcast filmed by top director Mike Leigh shows Mr and Mrs Neil Kinnock stumbling along a Welsh clifftop, squabbling about whose turn it is to put the bins out. It ends with Mrs Kinnock stalking back to her car in a huff, and driving off, leaving her husband stranded. The slogan at the end of the film is "Nobody's Perfect: Vote Labour

(we could be worse)". March 17: The Conservative party political broadcast fea-tures Jeffrey Archer speaking authoritatively on a number of important topics from his Grantchester home. The film ends with the slogan: "We're Not All Like Him: Grit Your Teeth and Vote Conservative". March 23: Tory newspapers publish allegations of "secret charity donations" by top Labour politicians. They reveal that "cash sums from the pockets of senior Labour politicians are April 9: Polling day. Mr Ian helping the poor and needy". A Paisley is again elected with the Labour spokesman denies all knowledge, saying "It may be House of Commons.

true, but frankly I doubt it. Mo of us are saving every little bit we can in case a Labour government gets in".

March 29: Rumours surface in the Daily Mirror of complete fidelity within the marriage of John and Norma Major, dating back many years. Numerous country-and-western singers, go-go dancers and bit-part actresses come forward to testify that they have never met the prime minister. Meanwhile, at a orning press conference, Roy Hattersley counters a sugges-tion put forward by Chris Patten that "The Labour party has formidable financial know-how" by admitting that "when it comes to sums, I'm all fingers and thumbs. April 1: With the two main

parties neck and neck, the

Liberal Democrats grab head-

lines by launching a new policy document, An End to the Politics of Consensus, declaring that the endless see-saw of post-war politics, the stranglehold over our land from the dogmas of left and right, has served Britain remarkably well in the last fifty years". Worried that their profile too is slipping, the SNP issue a party political broadcast with shots of leader Alex Salmond waving to camera be-side Nelson's comm. Madame Tussaud's and the Houses of Parliament. "London: not such a had place to be governed from after all" runs the final slogan.

Monarch for all to survey

HOWEVER gripping tonight's BBC fly-on-the wall film marking the Queen's 40th anniversary, an even more interesting programme has been left in the hours of videotape on the cutting-room floor. Among the scenes which will not be shown are Mrs Thatcher's final audience with the Queen, when she formally offered her resignation, and John Major arriving for his audience shortly afterwards to kiss hands.

These moments of constitutional history were part of the documentary until a few weeks ago, when they were mysteriously dropped. Edward Mirzoeli, who spent more than a year producing the film, denies Palace interference. "Huw Weldon once told me you have to kill your darlings. That is what I did. They were originally in, but they did not fit. We had complete editorial control."

More than 34 hours of film were cut, and the editing ended only last Saturday. The Queen saw the final version on Tuesday at a private Bafta preview with Prince Philip. "She did not express an opinion, and we would not expect her to." says Mirzoeff. "But she was smiling when she left."

The unused material remains the property of Buckingham Palace, but will be stored at the National Film Archive. "It will never be seen," says Mirzoeff. There is no chance of any of it ending up on It Will Be Alright on the Night." The Queen, who had microphones in the posies she carried on walkabouts, among the potted plants around the palace, and under her cardigan during formal audiences, never had to tell the film crew when they were not wanted. Mirzoeff says: "We could rell just by a look".



• As predicted, the Queen will pass her 40th anniversary quietly today, leaving Sandringham only to visit a hospice founded by her Sandringham doctor. Dr Hugh Ford: Such a low-bey approach has become traditional. Only two monarchs since the first Elizabeth how lived to see such an anniverhave lived to see such an anniver sary. On October 25, 1800 The Times reported that George III had received "the compliments of the nobility" at Windsor, a chore he got over as swiftly as possible in order to go deer-hunting. On June 20. 1877 Queen Victoria spent the morning walking with Princess Beatrice at Balmoral, and in the afternoon the pair went for a drive. She must have enjoyed her-self, however, for the Court Cir-cular records that on the following day she did exactly the same.

Mane attraction

AT TEATIME yesterday, more than five million pre-teen viewers were asked by Douglas Hurd for their help. The Foreign Secretary had yesterday morning unveiled Britain's logo for its presidency of the EC, beginning in July. But Britain cannot take over until the logo's lion has a name, explained

paw of the FO from the beginning. nity to control their own show.

A dozen designs were rejected be-fore a dizzy looking Leo by the London company Minale Taners-field was finally chosen. Then John Major complained that the king of the jungle did not look energetic enough. The lion was redrawn, the paw raised, the stance changed from "statant" to "passant", and the tongue came out.

The FO was at pains yesterday to insist that the lion, whose name will be chosen by Hurd later this month, has nothing to do with electioneering. One is almost inclined to believe them: Hurd plans to invite the winning child not to a photo-op day out at the zoo, but to watch him at work in his Whitehall office



Roadshow?

WAR has broken out in the antiques world with the news that the British Antique Dealers' Association is to run its own fair this year to rival the Grosvenor House event. Ever since the early 1980s, when a chambermaids strike at the Grosvenor House Hotel forced dealers to pick up their Initer Morris, presenter of the children's programme Newsround.

The logo has been a thorn in the hankering after another opportu-

The BADA fair will take place at the Duke of York's barracks in May. "It's one of the association's greatest achievements in 75 years," says council member Alistair Sampson. "There's plenty of room for both fairs." However, there has long been criticism of Evan Steadman Management. originally employed by Lord Fone to lure the fair back from the RA to his hotel. They take a percentage of everything, even a cup of tea."
says a leading dealer. Steadman
is unperturbed. "The Grosvenor Fair will not lose out. It is internationally renowned and serious dealers won't be able to do both."

The Time Capsule

FEW literary biographers have the advantage Michael Foot will enjoy when he sits down after the election to start work on his next subject, H.G. Wells. Peter Ackroyd never knew Dickens, and Michael Holroyd never met Shaw. Foot however, not only knew his subject, who died almost half a century ago, but became his editor and can claim a posthumous blessing from Wells for the project.

"We met during my first weekend at Cherkley, Beaverbrook's country residence in 1938," says Foot. "Wells was one of my literary heroes, and meeting him was even better than the expectation." Within four years the young Foot had become editor of the Evening Standard, and was publishing his hero's work in a series of influential articles about the course of the second world war.

When Foot sent Wells a copy of his own book, Brendan and Beverley, Wells replied in a letter: "It is magnificent. Do it again and again." The biography should be published in time to mark the cemenary of one of Wells's most famous works. The Time Machine, in 1995.



FORTY YEARS ON

Forty years ago today the Queen, on holiday in Kenya with her husband, was told that her father had died and that she had acceded to the throne. There was much talk of a new Elizabethan Age to succeed that era of austerity. There were few doubts over the robustness of the monarchy to preside over that age.

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Mair from Spills

Forty years on the shy princess of 1952 has grown into a vastly experienced matriarch, one day surely to equal Queen Victoria in longevity and distinction. Most Britons have never known a time when she was not on the throne. The Queen has a longer continuous insider's knowledge of national and international affairs than any of her ministers' and civil servants. She is a fixed point, an icon in a changing world quite separate from her constitutional status.

The monarchy has seen some turbulence, some would say increasingly so. Bagehot's "dignified" part of the constitution has occasionally lurched towards indignity. The marital upsets of some members of the family may not have been more serious than those of families at large. The antics of sons and daughters and their spouses have naturally attracted publicity. It was in-conceivable that they would not. But the exercise in making the royal family seem more "normal" has diminished much of its former mystique.

This has opened the institution to wider questioning. Traditional deference for such established institutions has been replaced by widespread scepticism. At the Queen's accession, only a small fraction of her subjects could be termed republican. The spirit of today may be no more republican, but it is more radical in its questioning. The strength of the monarchy must lie in its being able to answer such questions: to justify its claim to status by reason, not by faith.

In 1952 the case for the monarchy as a constitutional longstop, as an embodiment of a democratic state "enshrouded in mystery", could just be sustained. That was before all parties elected their leaders and the procedures for summoning parliaments and changing governments were less clearcut. Monarchical discretion has today all but vanished and political theorists find it ever harder to envisage predicaments in which it

might be relevant. The monarchy can no longer claim to be the pinnacle of a ruling elite, the paragon of society or the custodian of standards of family virtue or national grace. What is greatly to the Queen's personal credit is that she has taken this aboard and steadily altered the pattern of her work and thus her role. She has been careful not to identify with the traditional landed aristocracy. Her annual diary is more akin to that of a lord mayor writ large than a monarch or a grandee. In the coming years, she might well carry this change further, by pressing for a less class-ridden honours system. She and her advisers must also review the status of her financial relationship with the Excheques, which is now being questioned even by those whose loyalty is beyond reproach.

There is no doubt that the British crown will survive into the next century. Monarchy, that is the hereditary embodiment of statehood, is even experiencing a mild resurgence on the continent of Europe. But its essential oddity demands peculiar qualities in those on whose head the crown rests. Key to its strength in Britain is the personality of the Queen herself, the conscientiousness, decency and seriousness with which she takes her work. Scandal or indolence on her part would have rendered

the institution unsupportable. There are many other schemes for embodying statehood. Britain can claim to have one that serves its purpose and is both stable and popular. Monarchy may be rooted in the luck of birth. But for 40 years that luck has been shared with the British people. To have shared it so successfully is no small achievement for the Queen. On this anniversary she richly deserves the nation's congratulation and gratitude.

FREE THE CAR MARKET

Suppose The Times were to decree that it would supply only newsagents that refused to stock its rivals; that one newsagent could not own more than a handful of outlets; that the newsagent could not advertise outside its area; and that it could sell only a specified number of copies of the paper. The idea is laughable. But substitute "Ford" for this venerable title and the picture describes how most new cars are sold in Britain. Full marks to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for pointing up the absurdities of the current system. Only six out of ten, though, for its

half-throttled recommendations for change. Now that Incheape is taking over TKM, it may have to sell some of its Ford dealerships because the new, merged company will bust the limit imposed by the car manufacturer. The car companies justify the ceilings they impose on the ground that "they prevent an undesirable concentration of power in a single dealer's hands", according to the report. Undesirable for the manufacturer, perhaps, but not for the consumer. This restrictive practice has prevented any dealer becoming large enough to exercise clout against suppliers. A dealer with more outlets could win economies of scale and negotiate lower prices, which it could pass on to its customers. The MMC wants the ceilings

lifted Suppose such a dealer wanted then to advertise that it charged the lowest prices in the north-east. This, too, would be forbidden by the manufacturers, which accept that discounting goes on but dread the idea of one dealer publicly undercutting another. The MMC recommends that dealers should be allowed to advertise where they like.

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If, helped by the MMC, such a dealer advertised nationally, and found customers flooding in from outside its normal territory. its supplier, worried that this discounting was setting a precedent, might simply stipulate the maximum number of cars the dealer was allowed to sell. The showroom would have to turn away custom. The MMC says the supplier should have no such right. But why not take competition to its logical conclusion? Why should any shop be prevented from selling new cars? And why should not one dealer sell whichever brands it likes? It would not need to stock all the models on offer. Three-quarters of customers who go to buy a new car know exactly what type they want, down to the colour and the

hubcaps. All they look for is a good price. If any company were allowed to supply any brand of car to the consumer, competition would undoubtedly increase, helping prices to fall. But the British obsession with company cars would still work against the private buyer. Fleet buyers can secure huge discounts on their cars, and dealers claw back their profits by charging a premium to individuals

This government has gradually increased the tax levied on company cars, but while employers and employees gain anything from payment in kind rather than cash, the perk will continue to be popular. Around half of all new cars are bought by companies, far higher than in any other European country. Private customers bear the cost, and because they drive on the left, they cannot easily buy their cars more cheaply on the Continent.

If the government were serious about making the car market more competitive, it would end the tax regime that encourages these distortions. If it were braver still, it would lift all restrictions on the import of Japanese cars into Britain. This side of an election, it will do neither of these things. Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, has decided not to alienate any voters. He has announced two months of consultation, leaving himself no time to report back before his party goes to the country. A pity.

A PRIVATE AFFAIR

Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, made a statement yesterday about an incident in his private life five years ago. He had confided the details to his lawyer, whose confidential notes were stolen from an office safe and offered to a newspaper. Mr Ashdown compounded this misfortune by returning to his learned friends and trying to suppress all news of the affair. But injunctions to prevent publicity rarely achieve their goal, least of all when they cover an admitted truth. In this case Mr Ashdown's injunction was a red rag to the bulls of Fleet Street.

Mr Ashdown's private life is his own business as long as it does not affect the manner in which he performs his public office, for instance by weakening the credibility of his public statements. Whether marital fidelity ever does so is debatable; in this case it would be extreme to make such a judgment. Many people in public life have committed adultery. The consequences may sometimes impinge on their public duties; usually they do not. Certainly no public good is served by the relentless pursuit of past indiscretions.

In Fleet Street's weasel words it is sometimes claimed that, however private the original matter, a politician's reaction to intrusion justifies publicity and censure ex post facto, often after the victim has been goaded into a lie. In this case, the argument cannot be sustained. The affair only came to light as the result of a criminal act. Within the terms of the new code of press conduct. Mr Ashdown's injunction should have been unnecessary. Many politicians make little secret of such affairs but rely on the discretion of the press to good effect. The best that can be said for press behaviour over the past few days is that it was an infuriated

reaction to what was seen by some newspapers as a crude gagging writ. The old maxims hold good: put nothing on paper, tell nothing to a lawyer.

Where now stands Mr Ashdown's right to privacy? Yesterday he acknowledged at least his own hamfistedness by making a dean breast of the affair. He voluntarily surrendered privacy for the sake of pre-election damage limitation, inviting publicity even from newspapers that would have respected his privacy heretofore. The right to privacy of the lady in the case, which at first was surely close to total, was also surrendered by her when she summoned reporters and photographers for an appointment this morning.

Even after the event, Mr Ashdown's conduct has not been so questionable as to call in doubt his suitability for office. The case is more likely to fuel the politicians' desire for revenge on the press. "Public interest" is the most double-edged of all excuses for intrusion into private life. Relevance to public office is the test. The "public interest" by no means excuses everything that can be dressed up to

"interest" a prurient "public". Those who seek election to office must expect to sacrifice some privacy. There is nothing new in this. Trollope's Quintus Slide showed that Victorians were, if anything, even more vulnerable to press intrusion. But politicians do have some right to privacy. The extent of this right is impossible to define, since it lies embedded in the shifting conventions of public taste. But the right must be respected if the burden of public office is not to become intolerable. Mr Ashdown has come clean and is paying the price, with 24 hours of hell. Once the price is paid, that is surely an end of the matter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Trident choice

From Lord Orr-Ewing

Sir, As Civil Lord of the Admiralty when the Polaris agreement was reached in 1962, I firmly believe that the proposed reduction in American and former Soviet nuclear stockoiles. though welcome, are completely irrelevant to our need to replace Polaris by Trident.

First, we have always followed a policy of minimum strategic nuclear deterrence. This means having enough nuclear warheads capable of inflicting an absolute - not a relative level of damage on a potential attacker sufficiently great to deter him from nuclear aggression. The superpowers have not followed such a policy, acquiring instead enor-mously bloated nuclear stockpiles.

Just as we decided our minimum nuclear requirements in the past without reference to superpower totals when they were dramatically rising, so we must choose our minimum requirements for the future without reference to those totals now they are due to fall.

Secondly, in determining the num-ber of warheads needed for the next 30 years, we must choose a system sufficiently flexible to constitute a minimum deterrent not only at the start but also at the end of that 30year period. When Polaris came on stream in the late 1960s, it was fitted with what was hoped to be enough penetrating capability to last its lifetime. In any case, as I recall, it was the best available at that time. Yet, within six years of deployment, Soviet anti-ballistic missile developments had already thrown that calculation into jeopardy.

The result was the enormously expensive Chevaline upgrading programme in the 1970s — less than a decade into the life of Polaris. At 1980 prices, the initial cost of the entire Polaris programme was just £1.7 billion; but the Chevaline upgrading added another £1 billion almost 60 per cent of the original

programme budget.

By making the right decision about Trident, we can avoid any such financial trap in the future. Rigidly to choose exactly the same warhead total for the next 30 years as has sufficed as our minimum since the Chevaline upgrade is to assume that proliferation dangers and ABM defences will not increase and improve respectively during the lifetime of Trident. That would be a reckless

Yours faithfully, EWING. House of Lords. February 3.

Treating joy-riders From Mr Michael Ward

Sir, Sir Frederick Lawton (Law Times, February 4) puts his finger on the central fact about young car offenders that calls into question the thinking behind the Aggravated Vehicle Taking Bill. As he indicates, from a lifetime's experience, most car crime is committed by those aged 16 to 18 who act often on impulse. For them, there is no deterrent effect from custody or the threat of it. Worse, imprisonment is known to

criminalise the young.
So it is surprising that Sir Fred should still advocate the failed "short sharp shock" regimes of earlier

years. Anti-social behaviour with cars is checked, and positive activity en-couraged, by the 50 or so motor projects run or supported by proba-tion services with welcome but modest funding by central government.

Expansion of these projects is not only good value when compared with the high cost of prisons; they reduce re-offending and prevent crime.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL WARD (Assistant General Secretary), Association of Chief Officers of Probation, London, 212 Whitechapel Road, E1.

Ostrich farming From Mr Richard I. Lund

Sir, We need not worry too much about ostrich farming in the UK

(letter, February 4). Whilst I have no doubt that these fine birds reared in this country will have a different taste than those from Africa, the ostrich steak I consumed earlier this year in Kenya was extremely tough and very, very gamey, something I suggest not particularly appreciated by the British palate.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD I. LUND, 5 Spencer Park, SW18.

Somerville move

From Mr Robert Nowell

Sir. Philip Howard's memory has played him false (article, February 5). It was surely during the war that the practice disappeared of Somerville women having to move their beds into the corridor when entertaining men to tea: certainly none of my Somerville girl-friends was obliged to indulge in furniture-moving when I was at Oxford between 1948 and 1952

Yours faithfully, ROBERT NOWELL, 2 Tudor Road. New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

'Financial trap' in Disputed risks of hormone therapy

From Mr John Studd .

Sir, The shocking headline to your February 1 report on hormone replacement therapy, "HRT can be as addictive as heroin", cannot be justified by the contents of The Lancer's "Viewpoint" paper on which your report was based.

The historical comment which you quote -- "one has to remember that heroin, cocaine, amphetamines, bro-mides, barbiturates and opiates were all initially regarded as safe" — was made about dependence. That is the only reference to heroin, and there is nothing here for disagreement. But it says nothing about the benefits or risks of HRT.

Oestrogen therapy for the post-menopausal woman is probably the most important advance in preventive medicine in the western world for half a century, with fewer heart attacks, fewer strokes, fewer osteoporotic fractures, less depression and an extra year or two of ife. To liken this to heroin addiction is an aberration.

It has been claimed that dependence occurs with oestrogen implants. I have no doubt that many patients formerly brutalised by insomnia, fatigue, depression, anti-depressants and the occasional episode of electro-convulsive therapy (ECT) are dependent on the good health achieved by effective HRT. Is this really a cause for concern?

Yours sincerely, JOHN STUDD (Consultant gynaecologist), King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, SE5.

From Mr Andrew Fraser

Sir, Mr John Studd, according to your report, suggests that there is no cause for concern about HRT addiction, as users may be just "addicted to feeling better". I cannot agree. We see in this unit over 400 new

problem drug-users each year; all have got into the most acute problems through their use of drugs such as cannabis, amphetamines, ecstasy, LSD, heroin and cocaine. The vast majority of this pool of problem drug-users would advise us that in the early stages of their drug careers they took the drugs simply because they made them feel better If this is so, then there is cause for

Yours faithfully, ANDREW FRASER (Director). Drug Advice and Information Service. Brighton, East Sussex.

February 2.

Pre-election smears and stunts

From Mrs Patricia Duck

Sir, As an alternative to the current outbreak of smear and knock-down tactics in this pre-election period, could we hear more about the parties' clear, positive proposals for the country's life, rather than their opinions of each other?

And bearing in mind the potential.

effect on all those other European countries now looking for something new, shouldn't these proposals have some content of idealism - sadly missing from what we have heard so far? George Brown dared to say publicly in the run-up to the 1964 general election:

If you ask me what I would like more than anything else, it is to be a member of a government which, whatever the risk to immediate achievement, whatever the cost to immediate rises in standards, raises again the flag of unselfishness.

It seems that flag is still waiting to be raised. If it were, and we managed to respond, surely the chances are this would have more significance than, say, rearranging the taxation systems, desirable though this may

Yours faithfully, PATRICIA DUCÉ, Flat C, 10 The Mount, St Leonard's-on-Sea, East Sussex. February 3.

From Mr John Scales

Sir, "This is not simply a maner of smears and stunts such as yesterday's sensationalising and distortion of routine contacts between

Watercolour museum From the Secretary of the Royal Watercolour Society

proposals for the appropriate future use of Somerset House, those forthcoming were doubtless many and varied. Surely it would, however, be most appropriate for this architectural masterpiece of Georgian London to become a heritage centre for the visual arts. The holdings there of the Courtauld Institute (which include some fine watercolours) might thus be accompanied by compatible collections.

If the Royal Watercolour Society were to move to Somerset House, it would be able to enhance its pro-

three sections Osteoporosis Society Sir, HRT is mainly given in the form of tablets and patches, and the

authors of the Lancel paper cite no evidence that either of these forms of treatment is in any way addictive. Implants are another very effective form and have as good a safety record as the other two. In fact, this society's concern is

From the Director of the National

that the average duration of use is only 15 months, which is inadequate to prevent osteoporosis (bone-wasting disease). The general public's view of heroin is that it is a dangerous substance which eventually kills, whereas HRT has prolonged the life and the quality of life of thousands of women.

The safety record of HRT is well documented, yet the Lancet authors fail to mention the numerous publications concerning the safe long-term use of HRT over the past 30 or 40 years. Ask any of the hundreds of thousands of osteoporosis sufferers we know if they wish they could have been given the opportunity to take HRT when they were 50. It would have saved them their dependence on strong painkillers now.

Yours etc., LINDA EDWARDS, Director, The National Osteoporosis Society, PO Box 10. Radstock, Bath, Avon. February 1.

From Dr Kathy Lang

Sir, For The Lancet to mention oestrogen in the same context as heroin and cocaine seems a trifle excessive, since neither of these substances is manufactured in the body as an essential part of a human function. Nor did your report of its article mention that the levels of oestrogen used in HRT are minute compared with those generated naturally during pregnancy.

The massive levels of oestrogen produced in pregnant women, cou-pled with this "discovery" of the feeling of well-being they produce, raises an interesting point may much of the clinical post-natal de-pression experienced by many women be due to the sudden withdrawal of oestrogen?

If it were, phased supplementation of oestrogen might go far to eradlcare this cause.

Yours sincerely KATHY LANG, KO DEW, WEST LOOS HIII Looe, Cornwall. February 3.

Labour leaders and Soviet officials" (Peter Riddell, February 3).

Is not a party's relationship with a potential enemy important? Was not the whole thrust of Soviet policy, prior to Mr Gorbachev, to back the anti-nuclear left in this country in order to remove both our nuclear deterrent and the American commitment to Nato? Was not it also their policy to offer financial aid to the striking miners in the hope of bringing down the Thatcher govern-

Surely, Sir, those are not simple matters of smears and stunts? Yours etc. JOHN SCALES, 10 Highbury Terrace, N5. February 4.

From Sir Rupert Hart-Davis Sir. I cannot be the only one of your readers who is satiated by the ghastly faces and voices of politicians trying to sling mud at each other every day. I remember the good advice of W. B.

A statesman is an easy man, He tells his lies by rote; A journalist makes up his lies And takes you by the throat; So stay at home and drink your beer And let the neighbours vote.

Yours faithfully RUPERT HART-DAVIS, The Old Rectory, Marske-in-Swaledale, Richmond, North Yorkshire. February 3.

ours, which is now on loan to the

British Museum because of the

Of equal importance, as Dr

Prochaska intimates, the society's

activities to promote the enormously

popular contemporary practice of watercolour through exhibitions and

MICHAEL SPENDER, Secretary,

48 Hopton Street, Blackfriars, SE1.

Sir, In Norfolk we are lucky to have

in the Norwich Castle Museum one

of the finest provincial collections of

watercolours in the country, a large

selection from which are on perma-

delve into the treasures locked away

in the print rooms of the Victoria and

Albert and British museums, should

they not be exhibited for all to enjoy?

While it is always a pleasure to

paucity of our existing facilities.

education could be expanded.

Royal Watercolour Society,

From Mr Gerard Stamp

Yours faithfully,

Bankside Gallery,

nent display.

exhibitions. It could also display changing selections from its superb permanent collection of watercol-

Sir. This society's council agrees with Dr Prochaska (letter, February 1) that there is a need for a museum in London to display the history and current practice of watercolour painting in England, and of course throughout the United Kingdom.

When Michael Heseltine invited

Included in such a treasure-house could be a museum of watercolours. As they are generally of modest scale and are subject to rotation of display because of their vulnerability to light, the scale of the museum would not need to be great.

Yours faithfully, GERARD STAMP, Mill Barn, Westgate, gramme of museum and thematic Binham, Norfolk.

From Mr Geoffrey E. Smith

Two cheers for

Sir. As one who left your readership four years ago — and wrote and told you why in no uncertain terms — I write now to express my appreciation of the current direction, content, and

format of the paper.

Actually I "returned to the fold" about a year ago, having seen the recovery to excellence that had been made: but since I wrote of my displeasure when you erred, it seems only right that I should applaud when you please. Your recent change to three sections is another great improvement as far as this family is

Your very satisfied reader, GEOFFREY SMITH, Courtmacsherry, Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire. February 3.

From Dr M. D. E. Evans

Sir, I hate the new Times; awful coloured snaps, multiple flimsies. editorials away from the centre page (where you can fold the paper without its falling apart).

Why don't you give up the broad-sheet format as your heart's not in it? If I continue to buy it, it will only be for the crossword.

Yours sincerely, MARGARET EVANS. 6 Oakhurst Close, E17. January 29.

From Miss Stevie Pattison-Dick

Sir, On January 29 you published a photograph of Mr Abram Games's poster for the Underground, with its evocative slogan, "Trains every 90 seconds". Such excellence would no doubt ensure that each passenger got a seat and could comfortably read

the new three-piece Times. However, since that is now beyond British Rail or London Regional Transport, I would hazard a guess that the designers of my "new look" paper do not have to travel in the rush hour and cope with all segments whilst standing all the way to Liverpool Street.

Yours faithfully. STEVIE PATTISON-DICK. 3 Sawyer Close, Lion Road, N9. January 29.

From Mr James Bowman

Sir, A splendid innovation! Now a part to hand to each irritating person who sits to the left or right of me on Network SouthEast, and attempts to Yours faithfully

JAMES BOWMAN, 31 Florence Road, SW19. January 27.

From Dr James Cope-

Sir, You now offer your readers Life & Times, a first leader on the social life of an American politician (January 29), and details of the private lives of those who appear to be ready to offer them.

A far cry indeed from the staidness with which you reported in 1949 that Sheikh Aly Khan had married Miss Margarita Cansoni when, as I recall, you did not even go so far as to mention that the bride was also known as Rita Hayworth.

Superb reticence! Those were the days and I for one preferred them. Yours faithfully, JAMES COPE, 19 Hillside Gardens, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Views about trials

From Judge Johnson

February 3.

Sir. To accord the description "consumer research" to the questionnaires to be distributed at crown court centres at the behest of the Royal Commission on Criminal Jus-tice (Mrs McCabe's letter, January 23) overlooks the omission of complainants and witnesses from those to whom questionnaires are to be

If there are "consumers" of the court product, surely they must include the citizen whose person or property has been violated and who looks to the criminal courts for protection and justice.

While I fully support the royal commission in its wish for information, I suspect that I am not alone in finding it incomprehensible that the views of a rapist are to be sought, and presumably taken into account, but not the views of a rape victim. This strange omission must detract considerably from the value and objectivity of the study.

Yours faithfully, J. R. JOHNSÓN, Newcastle upon Tyne Law Courts, The Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Welsh rarebit

From Mr T. J. S. Patterson

Sir. The curator of the Tenby Museum has prepared a phonetic text of the Welsh national anthem to encourage singers on the terraces at rugby matches (letter, January 31). But this text already exists, as those

of us brought up in Wales, but too blinkered to learn Welsh, can testify. The first line goes: "My hen laid a haddock on Aunt Willie's knee." Yours faithfully.

T. J. S. PATTERSON, 80 St Bernard's Road, Oxford.

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Mr E.T. Banter and Miss C.J.St.J. Button The engagement is announced between Edward, son of the late

Mr D.A. Cole and Miss J.L.E. Allsop

Mr D.D. Cox

and Miss I.R.F. Keith

Alan Banter, of Gilston, Fife, and

of Mts Baxter, and Camilla, elder

daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald

Buxton, of Kimberley Hall.

The engagement is announced between Douglas Cole, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter

Alison, of Chariton Mackreil.

The engagement is announced between Denis, son of Mr and

between Denis, son of Mr and Mrs Tillman Cox, of Rubincam Farm, Unionville, Pennsylvania. and Isabelle, daughter of the late Mr R.A. Keith and of Mrs Charles Weld Forester, of Rock House, Maugersbory, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.J. Crickmore and Miss D.P. Zivkovich

Forthcoming

marriages

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long, Lord in Waiting, was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of the President of the Republic of Peru, and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her

KENSINGTON PALACE February 5: The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham this evening from Switzerland. Mr Peter Westmacott and Mr

Richard Arbiter were in atten-The Princess of Wales, Presi-

dent. General Council and Reg-ister of Osteopaths, this evening amended a Reception at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, Mrs Max Pike and Mr Patrick

Today is the 40th anniversary of the accession of The Oueen.

Today's royal

engagements The Queen will visit the West Norfolk Home Hospice Support Group, Tapping House, Snetti-sham, at 11.55.

Prince Edward will attend a service at 11.30 in Reading Minster to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Accession of The Queen followed by a reception at the Old Town Hall. The Duke of Kent, Patron of the Tree Council, will inaugurate the Tree Council, will inaugurate the Royal Anniversary Trees Campaign at the Roof Gardens, 99 Kensington High Street, at 11.20; and accompanied by the Duchess of Kent will attend a service of thanksgiving in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at 6.00 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Oueen's accession to sary of the Queen's accession to the Throne.

University news

The following major grants have been awarded to the University of Wales College of Medicine: Department of Health: \$156,190 to Professor M. D. vickers, department of smacsthedes, for an evaluation of lung Medical Research Council: [131,050 to Dr B Evans and Dr P Davies, department of child health, for a study of the molecular basis of androgen

of the molecular basis of androgen irrecustricy.
British Heart Foundation: 699, 177 to Dr. N. P. J. Brindle, department of cardiological in support of molecular and citicular insulation: In suspent of molecular and strong musics cells.
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Birthdays today

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 5: The Duke of Gloud

ter, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this afternoon opened the

new Southern Area Headquarters

of St John Ambulance, Sandon

Road, Pitsea, near Basildon, and was received by Mr Robert Laurie (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Essex).

Major Nicholas Barne was in

ST JAMES'S PALACE February 5: The Duke of Kent,

President of the Automobile Association, this morning at-tended a committee meeting at

Commander Roger Walker was

Fanum House, Basings

YORK HOUSE

Rabbi Llonel Blue, author and broadcaster, 62; Mr Nicholas Brett, editor, Radio Times, 42; Sir Denys Buckley, former Lord Jus-tice of Appeal, 86; Mr Peter Cadbury, company chairman, 74; Mr Leslie Crowther, com-74; Mr Lesie Crowner, com-edian and actor, 59; Mr Louis Heren, journalist and author, 73; Professor J.E.C. Hill, former mas-ter, Balliol College, Oxford, 80; Miss Gayle Hunnicute, actress, 49; Mr Patrick MacNee, actor, 70; Mr Denis Norden, script writer and broadcaster, 70; Mr Manuel Orantes, tennis player, 43; Mr Ronald Reagan, former American President, 81; Lord Roskill, 81; Mr Jimmy Tarbuck, comedian, 52; Mr Fred True-man, cricketer, 61; Mr Keith Waterhouse, writer, 63; Mr Billy Wright, footballer, 68.

Church news Clearch of Scotland

The key John Mandesson from Chary with Manyanusk. The Rey Matcolm Dowle from Lowson Metuodial, Fortar. Church in Wales Diocess of Llandall The Rev Dennis Gordon Morris, cursis of Neath with Liamwit, to be Vicar of

Appointments

Lates: appointments include: Miss Cannen Callil to be Governor of the Museum of London. Mrs Janet Laurence, cookery and food writer, to be Chairman of the Consumers' Committees for England and Wales and for Great



Michael Snodin, curator of the new European Ornament Gallery at the Victoria and Albert Museum, examines a Minton majolica dish from the 1850s depicting Queen Victoria. The gallery, opening on February 26, will display the use of ornament from 1450 to the present and is the first of its kind

London Export Group

Latest wills

Latest wills include (net, before tax paid): Mr Leonard Sainer, founder and senior partner of Titmuss, Sainer & Webb, solicitors, President of Sears, and racehorse owner, of London W1, left estate valued at

Mr Douglas Arnold Robert Tovey, property entrepreneur, of Highmoor, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £3,816,094.

Beryl Catherine Allipress, of Putney, London SW15, left estate

Memorial service Mr Arthur Jones A memorial service for Mr Arthur

Jones was held yesterday at the Buriyan Meeting Free Church, Bedford The Rev Peter Protheroe officiated, assisted by the Rev

officiated, assisted by the Rev Trevor Lightowler.

Mr Peter Squire, Headmaster of Bedford Modern School, and Mr Keith Flencher, Partner of Stratfords Estate Agents, Bedford, read biblical texts and Mr Peter W. Jones, son, read from the works of Bishop Brent. Mr Gilbert Beazley, Chairman of the Governors of the Harpur Trust, gave an address. gave an address.

£160,000 to the National Trust. Phyllis Mand Mansell of Bromsgrove, Worcs, left estate valued at £792.436. Mr Arthur Bishop, of Westeliff-on-Sea, Essex, who died intestate, left estate valued at £2,177,992.

valued at £3,328,817. She left

Mr Alexander Golodetz, of West Wittering, West Sussex, left estate valued at £3,806.946. Mrs Allison Campbell Robin of East Ayton, North Yorkshire ..

Chatelard School, Switzerland

A Major Reunion Buffet Lun-cheon is to be held in London on Sunday, May 17, 1992. Tele-phone 0753 662993.

William Rees-Davies, QC

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of William Rees-Davies, QC, will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, on Thursday, March 5, at noon. All are welcome.

Luncheons

Rotary Ciah of London The London Export Group, following a long tradition, held a luncheon on Monday. February The Hon C. Money Coutts was the Hon C. Money-Cours was the speaker at a lunchion of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the Cafe Royal. Mr Ken Standish, president, was in the chair. The other guests included: Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Mr Noville Standard, Mr Ardur Kennedy, Mr. Bill Nigmon and Interior of Notacy, Perhaps, Perhaps, 1, at Feng Shang, to welcome the Chinese Year of the Monkey. Professor Jack Perry and Mr Stephen Perry were the hosts and the guests included His Excellency the Chinese Ambassador. Kennedy, Mr Bill Nimmo and Mr Colin Mawby. Ma Yuzhen, the Right Hon Christopher Patten, MP, Lord Sharp of Grimsdyke, Sir Percy Cradock, Miss Angela Rippon, Mr Kennath Warren, MP, the

Dinner

Bus & Coach Council The Secretary of State for Transport, the Right Hon Malcolm Rifleind, QC, MP, was the guest of honour at the Annual Dinner of the Bus & Coach Council, held yesterday at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr Graham H. Smith,

President of the Bus & Coach Council, presided.

Reception

ies. Also present were representatives of organisations concerned with the development of political, economic and cultural Caming House or pointest economic and cumural relations between. Britain and China, including banks, indus-trial companies, trade organ-isations, the BBC and cultural organisations and British people Viscount Montgomery of Ala-mela, President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, was bost at a reception held last night at Canning House in honour of the President of Peru.

Mr C.F. Crisp and Miss S.J. Scrase The engagement is announced between Charles Frank, youngest son of Sir Peter Crisp, Bt, and Lady Crisp, of Loxwood, West Sussex, and Susan Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Deryck Scrase, of Rudgwick, West

Surgeon Lieutenant P.W. King-Lewis, RN and Miss L.A. Bryer

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Dr and Mrs Lionel King-Lewis, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lionel BIYET.

Mr C.H. Pymost and Min J.L. Giese The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs John Pymont, of Penn. Buckinghamshire, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Giese, of Calgary.

Alberta.

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ALLARD - On February 4th
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BOYS - On February 4th
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Henry aged 31 of Shaw.
Wilshire, dearly loved
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father of Nicholas and
Rowland. Funeral at
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12th February. Family
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BURTON On February 3rd at Oxford. Ethel Mary (née Corri much loved mother of Philip. Christopher, Janet and Ruth. Cremation at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 11th February at Oxford Crematorium followed by Service of Thanksgiving at 12 noon at St Laurence Church, Warborough, Enquiries to Edward Carter Funeral Director, (9235) 528293.

O'CONNOR - On January 8th.
1992. Hugh Alfred, 3ged 77.
In Epsom General Hospital
after a week of much
suffering, sadly missed by his
loving wife and family. A
very brave man.

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CHAUNET - On February All 1992, peacefully at home in Weybridge, Barbara Enid aged 80 (nile Miller), widow of Medor Lesile Chauncy CB.L. dearly towel mother of Philip and mother/in-leve of Sussan, and much jowed granny in Carrisopher, Charles, Edward and Emmal and great-granny in Jonathan, Jessica, Matthew, Robert and Joseph. Puneral Service on Tuesday February Philip and Avante Weybridge, Pannis Gowern only doastions if Sealtred to Concert Willer Dearth of Concert on the Carrisopher, Charles, On Sand, Weybridge, Charles on Charles on the John Sand, Paylon and Chiller of Concert on the Carrisopher, Charles on Tuesday February All, Belowed industrial Carrisopher, Carrisopher, Carrisopher of Edward and Adrian, Carrisopher and Macrisopher and Macrisopher and Charles of David and Adrian, Carrisopher and Macrisopher and Macrisopher and Charles of Carrisopher and Macrisopher and Charles of Carrisopher and Macrisopher and Charles of Carrisopher and Charles of Carrisopher and Macrisopher and Macrisoph

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GURR - On February 5th. 1952. Shirley Gordon Gurr Loeo Ciarke) peacefully al home amidst her family after a long filmess most bravely borne. Her funeral service will be held at 2:15 on Thursday February 13th al St. Andrews Church Hornchurch. No Inoversity Marsden Appeal Fund c/o B. J. Mulley and Sons. 254 St. Mary's Latte, Uponinster. Steel & Son 0962 844044.

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Royal visit

The Queen will visit Canada from June 30 to July 2 to participate in the celebration of the 125th anniversary of Confederation.

Anniversaries

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OBITUARIES

Martin Held, German actor and leading player of Berlin's Schillertheater, died on January 31 aged 83. He was born in

Berlin on November 11, 1908.

EUROPE lost one of its great actors last Friday when Martin Held died after a long illness. In Germany he worked a great deal in films and television plays, but he was relatively unknown in the English-speaking world, though in 1964, when Kenneth Tynan visited West Berlin, he wrote that the "prize possession" of the company which appeared in both the Schiller Theatre and the Schlosspark Theatre was "a fiftysh performer named Martin Held". Tynan went on to describe him: "He looks like a successful lawyer and, apart from Laurence Olivier, may very well be the finest middle-aged actor in Western Europe. In modern plays - as the capering Rag-picker in The Madwoman of Chaillot or the guilt-ridden schoolteacher in Max Frisch's Andorra - Held is unbeatable: no one excels him at revealing the chasms of desperation that lie beneath the wall-to-wall carpeting of contemporary middledass life.

Directed by Fritz Körtner, this production of Andorra was briefly seen in London when the company came to the Aldwych during the World Theatre Season of 1964. Six years later Held returned to London. in the brilliant solo performance he gave under Beckett's direction in Krapp's Last Tape. Daringly, Held incorporated in the characterisation several of Beckett's own traits, in-



aggressive than Patrick Magee, for After his schooling he was an apwhom Beckett had written the play, but also subtler. Anyone who heard

Held's loving croon on the word 'spool" will never forget it.

prentice for the Siemens company but soon turned to acting. He started going to the theatre in Berlin when he was 17 and he never forgot Martin Held was the son of a his excitement at seeing the star-

tlingly revolutionary work of such

directors as Max Reinhardt and Leopold Jessner. Jessner taught at the State Theatre School where Held studied acting from 1929 to 1931.

During his twenties and thirties he worked in Elbing, Tilsit, Dresden, Bremerhaven and Darmstadt before he was offered a job at Frankfurt, where he stayed for ten years. Finally, during the 1951 season when he played the leading part in Zuckmayer's The Devil's General. he achieved such a resounding success that news of it reached the ears of the artistic director at the Schiller Theatre, Boleslaw Barlog, who tele-phoned him: "I hear you're supposed to be a good actor. Is that

Held was 43 when he joined the company in Berlin. His first role was Beaumarchais's Count Almaviva, and, despite his natural flair for comedy, he made a poor impres But he compensated for it richly when he was cast as Wehrhann in Hauptmann's The Fur Coat. In his influential weekly radio review of the new production in Berlin, Friedrich Luft praised Held for evolving "such a new version of the almost classically congealed comedy figure that you

rub your eyes — and not only because you are laughing so much." Held went on to delight and im-press Berlin audiences with his enormous versatility. His voice was a magnificently flexible instrument and, by changing his appearance and varying his gait, he could make himself almost unrecognisable. As Archie Rice in Osborne's The Entertainer he was so effective and so English that you almost forgot he

was speaking German. Three of his

greatest Shakespearean successe were as Macbeth, Falstaff and the ly impressive in Brecht and Anouilh,

He endeared himself not only to audiences but also to fellow-actors. With all the charisma of a star, but none of the pretensions. he was glad to work as a member of an ensemble, never trying to outshine or upstage his colleagues. Working with Bernhard Minetti in Pinter's No Man's Land and Neil Simon's The Sunshine Boys, he was content to let Minetti play the more rewarding part. Whether being directed by autocratic Fritz Körtner, or by the inexperienced Beckett, who started off by wanting a simulacrum of Magee's performance, Held succeeded in introducing many of his own ideas without causing any

On the whole he was happy in Berlin and rarely made guest ap-pearances in other cities, though he went to the Munich Kammerspiele to play Puntila in Brecht's Herr Puntila and His Servant Matti, and to Bochum to appear as Galileo. But he felt nostalgic for the great days of the Berlin theatre. When Bonn was the capital and East Germany was a separate state, the best German actors were scattered all over the country, which meant that the general level of performance in Berlin was lower than it had been during the 1920s. But Held, besides contributing more than any other actor towards raising standards, gave an

incalculable amount of pleasure to

New York. He handed out maximum

sentences, but the verdict was later reversed on the ground that the govern-

ment had not proved criminality in the

A,short, prickly man, Kaufman was

known as a stern taskmaster who was so

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resigned in recent years rather than

tolerate his angry shouting. He had been

appointed to the federal bench by President Harry Truman in 1949, at the early

age of 38, and was elevated to the US Court of Appeals by President Kennedy in 1961. In that role, in which he

continued until his recent illness, he

rendered a series of First Amendment

decisions in favour of press freedom,

though several were subsequently over-

Kaufman claimed that he had wanted

to be a judge from the first time he saw a

black-robed figure enter a courtroom.

ruled by the Supreme Court.

andlences.

meeting.

King in Hamlet. He could be equalin Molière, Goethe, Pinter and Neil Simon — The Sunshine Boys was a special success

thered by Ferrer. People wondered how the two, so disparate in every way, made their marriage work. This question came up, Rosie told me, when she appeared on a show with Bob Hope and was answering impromptu questions from the How was it, one questioner

APPRECIATIONS

Jose Ferrer

YOUR obituary (January 28)

of Jose Ferrer reminds me of a

story his wife Rosemary

Clooney once told me over

lunch in New York. This was

some years ago, when Rosie, at the peak of her fame as a

for having six children fa-

asked, that she, Rosie, a girl from a hillbilly town in Kentucky, a band singer with no education to speak of, managed to sustain a successful marriage to an intellectual like Jose Ferrer with his Princeton background and his great reputation in films and the Broadway theatre as actor, director and creative

made Rosie realise what she

had said. "I blushed." she told me with a grin.

Donald Wayne

Lord

He was not averse to intro-

case. On one occasion his witness (the secretary of the appellants) produced as part of his evidence a letter he had personally signed which consisted largely of technical details. Under crossexamination, the witness admitted that, as an administrator, he was not qualified to deal with such technicalities but he had signed the letter only after being assured by the appointed architect that the statements were correct. At this point, Sir Derek inter-

vened to say: "It seems to me

that the voice is Jacob's voice but the hands are the hands

N. L. Harrop

Peter Lothian Killigrew Wait, book publisher and chairman of Methuen and

PETER Wait was an influential figure in publishing, especially in the academic field. He worked at Methuen, where good academic foundations had been laid in the inter-war period by E. V. Rieu. On his return from war

Twickenham Pope, the History of the Greek and Roman World, the Debates in Economic History, the Handbooks of Psychology. And there were, too, monographs in the various branches of science. The University Paperbacks still flourish. The publication of Konrad Lorenz's King Solomon's Ring

and led to the annus mirabilis of 1973 when three Methuen ethologists - Konrad Lorenz, Karl von Frisch and Niko Tinbergen - shared the Nobel Prize. Born in Hong Kong. Wait

was educated at Winchester and Magdalen College, Oxford. After a few years in Christophers, an educational publisher, he became educational manager of Methuen in 1935. His time there was interrupted by war service as a naval officer. Peter Wait became a director of Methuen in 1948 and chairman in 1969, being also a director of the group Associated Book Publishers. After his retirement in 1973 he took up translating books as an occupation and in 1976 won the Scott-Moncrieff Prize for the best translation of the year. Both authors and colleagues respected his sound publishing sense and agreeable pres-

He leaves a widow, Bridget and their twin daughters, and a son and daughter by a

behaviour can be named as

ence and temperament.

cluding the paralysed fingers on one hand. As Krapp, Held was more foreman and grew up in Berlin. SIR ERRINGTON

KEVILLE Sir Errington Keville, CBE. one of the architects of the containerisation industry, died on January 31 aged

91. He was born on Janu-ary 3, 1901.

AS THE chairman of Furness Withy, the shipping group, Errington Keville played a key role in 1965 in the formation of Overseas Containers Limited, the British consortium which helped to launch the containerisation movement which has revolutionised the worldwide carriage of freight in the past quarter of a century.

Born - William - Errington

Errington to distinguish him from his father, William Keville, a shipbroker. So the shipping industry was in his blood, and he joined Shaw Savill & Albion, the shipping line, as soon as he left Merchant Taylors' School at the age of 16. He began as a junior in the crew depart-ment, which involved taking what was known as the Channel money to the old coalburners from New Zealand when they arrived off Gravesend in Kent, boarding by an often dirty rope ladder dangling over the side. He would then work all night on the ship's papers. But this instilled in him the romance of shipping, and led to his lifelong love affair with the Antipodes. He was to pay many visits to that part of the world as secretary of Shaw Savill, which was taken over by Furness Withy and specialised in the journeys to Australia and New Zealand.

In 1928 Keville married Ailsa Macmillan, daughter of a ship's master, who sailed with him for many years and had a hand in the decorative schemes of famous liners like the Southern Cross and Northern Star. He became a member of the executive council of the Shipping Federation in 1936, the Chamber of Shipping in 1940 and the following year joined the board of Shaw Savill. During the second world war he served on Lord Essendon's wool committee at the Ministry of Supply, for which he was appointed CBE in 1947.

That year he also became general manager of Shaw Savill and in 1950 joined the board of Furness Withy. In that role he played an important part in organising the Oueen's first major overseas tour, although no one at that time knew that that was what it would turn out to be. The Royal Yacht Britannia had not been built, so King George VI commissioned the Shaw Savill ship, Gothic, for a tour that was planned to take place in 1951. But he entered his final illness, and the tour was eventually undertaken by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in November 1953, going to Tonga, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand and Aden.

in 1962 Keville became chairman of Furness Withy and that year was knighted for services to shipping. He quickly became involved with Lord Cayzer, Sir John Nicholson and the late Sir Donald Anderson in the formation of a consortium to build a revolutionary fleet of ships to car ry containers on the main rade routes. Keville was a founder member of the board of OCL

He occupied many of the leading positions in the British shipping industry, becom-



ing president of the Chamber of Shipping, chairman of the General Council of British Shipping, the International Chamber of Shipping and the Committee of European Shipowners. He served on the National Maritime Board. the committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping and the boards of the National Bank of New Zealand, Economic Insurance, National Mortgage & Agency and British Maritime Trust.

Keville's hobbies were walking and history. He was a member of the Sussex Downsmen, and described himself as a "rabid Englishman", believing that a deep knowledge and understanding of history was the key to Britain's return to greatness. He had an air of stylish diplomacy and a soldierly bearing which distinguished him in business circles.

Keville is survived by two daughters and three sons, one of whom is with Furness Withy, now owned by the Tung group. Keville's wife died in December.

Richard Blackburn, GC

RICHARD Blackburn, who died on January 31 aged 79. won his GC (as an Empire Gallantry Medal) for rescuing an officer of his regiment from almost certain death during a forest fire at Kasauli. India, on June 7, 1935. Blackburn was deploying in woodland with a party of troops from the 1st Battalion. the Cheshire Regiment, when a sudden outbreak of fire in trees close at hand caused them to retire at the double.

When the soldiers regrouped after this headlong retreat the officer who had been with them was discovered to be absent. Private Blackburn went back to look for the officer and found him stumbling about in the trees in a dazed condition with his clothes well alight. Blackburn put out the burning clothing with his bare hands and dragged the officer to safety.

Blackburn's EGM, gazetted on June 23, 1936, was exchanged (as were all other EGMs) for the George Cross on September 24, 1940. A widower, he leaves two sons and a daughter.

JUDGE IRVING KAUFMAN

Irving Robert Kaufman, the United States federal judge who sentenced Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in the atom spying case to the electric chair in 1951, died on February 1 at

Mount Sinai Medical Centre, New York, aged 81. He was born in New York City on June 24, 1910:

THE Rosenberg case haumed irving Kaufman throughout his career. He would rather have been remembered as the judge whose order was the first to desegregate a public school in the North; who was instrumental in streamlining court procedures and who rendered innovarive decisions in anti-trust law. Most of all, he valued his efforts to expand the freedom of the press. But the Rosenberg verdict clung to him like a tin can tied to a dog's tail.

Coming at a time when the anti-communist witch-hunt of Senator Jooh McCarti Rosenberg trial became a cause celebre for liberals. Many still believe that the Rosenbergs and their co-defendant, Morton Sobell, were framed in an outburst of anti-Red hysteria.

The couple had been accused of providing critical nuclear information to the Soviet Union, which enabled the Russians to accelerate development of the atomic bomb by five to ten years. Their death sentences, upheld by the Supreme Court and the president, were the first and only executions ever carried out in the United States for espionage by American civilians. The affair haunted the national conscience. As late as 1975 Kaufman was forced to cancel a speech



he quoted at dinner parties.

In 1960 Kaufman presided over another famous trial: that of 20 Mafia leaders who had been arrested after the

at a Californian college because of student demonstrations demanding that the trial be reopened. He complained at the time of "a continuing pattern of harassment", but his own preoccupation with the case extended to carrying newspaper clippings of the trial from which

FBI bugged their meeting in Apalachin,

But his ultimate ambition, to sit on the Supreme Court, was denied him because of the Rosenberg case. Justice Felix Frankfurter, infuriated by Kaufman's claim that he had gone to a synagogue to pray for guidance before imposing the death sentence, let it be known that he was determined that Kaufman should not get the "Jewish seat" on the court. "I despise a judge who feels God told him to impose a death sentence," he wrote to Judge Learned Hand. "I am mean enough to try to stay here long enough so

that K will be too old to succeed me." Irving Kaufman is survived by his wife

and a one son. Two other sons pre-

ALAN HANCOX

Alan Hancox, bookseller and organiser of the Cheltenham Festival of Literature, died in Cheltenham on January 29 aged 71. He was born in Coventry on December 6, 1920.

IT HAS been claimed that

Alan Hancox was the last reading man's bookseller. He was rightly famed for his stock of secondhand and antiquarian books: he had little taste for selling new books other than those published by small houses or private presses, which he assiduously championed. No one who visited his shop in Cheltenham could ever forget the experience. He knew from his own youth what it was to ache for books and have little means of paying for them — and he

own superb stock was modestly priced. To the strictly contemporary bookseller he must have seemed a comic anachronism — but never to the lover of literature.

James Alan Hancox was

the son of a postman. As a young man he worked at various jobs, including those of telegraph boy and garage mechanic. While running a youth hostel he attended a course of Workers' Educational Association lectures in English literature. He decided to devote the rest of his life to literature, and in particular to books of all shapes and sizes. He became an expert in certain areas of English literature, especially that from from the first half of this century. Hancox began by borrow-

always made sure that his ing money to buy his stock.

He first operated, as so many of the great booksellers did in their early days, by selling books through mail order from a room in his own

If any single person was or at least became — the personification of the Cheltenham Literary Festival, then it was Alan Hancox. He ran it, first in 1980, and then on seven further occasions, the last being in 1990. He had been on the committee, along with the novelists John Moore and Robert Henriques, almost from its inception in 1949. But the festival really blossomed, and reached its full potential, when Hancox himself took it over. Writers liked to come to give readings and talks there because they enjoyed talking to a man who never lost his sense of excite-

ment ábout authors he loved, in particular the Lake poets. He had a deep knowledge of the poetry of Edward Thomas, and of such Gloucestershire poets as Ivor Gurney and F. W. Harvey. He was also a lover of the English rural tradition, and, in particular, an admirer of the novelist Henry Williamson, whose best work he thought unfairly neglected owing to his unfortunate political connections. Everyone who attended the festival of 1991, whether as participant or audience, was asking after him. He married three times. By

the first two marriages Hancox had three daughters. He had a son by his third wife, the former Shelagh Powys, whom he married in 1975.

SIMON BRAND

Simon Streicher Brand, former chairman and executive director of the Development Bank of South Africa and economic adviser to three prime minis-

ters, died of cancer in Pretoria on January 23 aged 53. He was born on March 18, 1938.

WHEN Simon Brand, a reti-

cent but brilliant academic. was appointed chief executive of the newly-established Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) in 1983 there were sneers all round. Here, said the cynics, was yet another government-spon-sored institution designed to perpetuate apartheid and here was yet another Afrikaner intellectual given the soft number of running it. . Yet by the time Brand re-

signed as chairman and executive director of the bank on health grounds earlier this month, it had become under his leadership an institution that enjoyed wide credibility with private sector borrowers, entra-parliamentary political organisations in South Africa such as the African National

steadily forging international links and its research, expertise and projects are increasingly drawn upon. Brand was appointed to the DBSA on its formation in 1983 after serving as chief economic adviser to the for-mer prime ministers, John Vorster and P. W. Botha. He set in motion events leading

impressive academic back-

ground, a degree in agricul-

tural science from Pretoria

Congress, foreign agencies

and potential financiers. It is

University, a master's from Stamford, California, and finally a Pretoria doctorate in agricultural science. But although he said he

was never a member of the ruling National Party nor of the Broederbond, the influential Afrikaner secret society, numerous critics viewed his 'appointment as a further example of high-level Afrikaner nepotism. În February 1990 F. W. de

Klerk, who had succeeded P. W. Botha as state president, freed Nelson Mandela, lifted the bans on the activities of the African National Congress and other radical antiapartheid organisations and came to the post with an . to the current negotiations on

constitutional reform. The effect on the DBSA until then an institution con-

cerned mostly with raising money for South Africa's internationally discredited "independent" homelands was dynamic. Contacts were rapidly established with agencies like the World Bank. the African Development Bank, the Commonwealth Development Corporation and the South African Development Co-ordinating Con-

Although the DBSA is financed primarily through parliamentary grants, Brand insisted it should become more independently secure. He also called for stricter accountability by the black homelands which the DBSA was established, originally, to nurture.

ference.

He is survived by his wife, Carolina, three sons and two daughters.

singer, was almost as famous

Rosie thought that one over and, in all innocence, came up with a disarming, reason-

able-sounding reply.
"Well, you see," she de-

clared, "we meet somewhere

The great burst of laughter

that came from the audience.

around the middle."

as well as from Hope himself,

Broxbourne

YOUR obituary for Lord Broxbourne (January 24,) reminds me that I met him (as Sir Derek Walker-Smith) on several occasions at public inquiries during my former career as one of HM planning inspectors.

ducing a welcome lighter note into the proceedings which could otherwise sometimes be rather ponderous. I recall, also, that he usually managed to quote (or adapt) some well-known verse from the Bible in presenting his

> PETER WAIT terest in animal behaviour

Co Ltd, 1969-73, died on January 14 aged 83. He was born on September 19, 1908.

tunities offered. A historian by training, Wait seemed to be equally at home in the arts and sciences. There were famous series: the Arden Shakespeare, the

awakened Wait's special in- previous marriage.

FEB 6 ON THIS DAY

经理解

The German Opera season provided the first opportunity for British audiences to hear a performance of Parsifal. The part of Parsifal was played on the first three evenings by different singers, and the writer, who had attended all three, had on this occasion

plenty of time to divert his attention to the audience. The performance began at 5pm, and at the end of the first act, two hours later, there followed a break of an hour and a half for supper.

The Audience at "Parsifal." On Wagner nights at Covent Garden Opera the front of the

house is never so "brilliant" as

when Italian or French opera is

played. Very likely the audience is composed of much the same people, but they come in a different mood. To some extent they come in different clothes: there are fewer jewels, perhaps, and more subdued colours; but it is strange how little dif-ference the clothes of an audience make, and how much difference the temper of an audience makes. The different atmosphere of the opera house on Wagner nights is due to that powerful but yet unanalysed influence, the spirit of the crowd. One who was sensitive to that influence could almost tell what kind of opera was to be played from a mere glance round the house before the curtain rose. At a performance of Parsifal that influence is exceptionally strong. More than usual it works through the eye, for the dress of the audience is of a pronounced soberness. There are no tiaras, scarcely a jewel or a plume in the hair of the ladies, very many of the dresses are black. not a few are white, hardly one is of any strong colour. And the spirit expressed by the clothes

striking the note most clearly. While the currain is down and the lights in the house are up, the chanter goes on much as usual. Friends of the celebrated persons are pointed out; ladies tickets behind and how obliging the management was about it; gentlemen make appointments for the following day, or describe their bad luck at the fifteenth hole. Yet, in spite of the talk and the coughing, there is a curiously intense spirit abroad — a spirit that sits rather oddly on the auditorium — at once rich, sober, comfortable, a little dingy, and wholly characteris-tic of London — of Covem Garden Opera House. It is actually a graver spirit than that of a Parsifal audience at Bayreuth. At Bayreuth, in spite of the august solemnity, there is always a whiff of holiday air. The visitor to Covent Garden comes from his usual day's work or play, to which he will go back on the morrow.

The grave intensity of this Parsifal spirit is only natural. To a great number of those who attend the performance it comes as near to being a celebration of the mysteries of their religion as anything could be that was not an actual "service." Granted an appreciation of beauty, there is a sense in which Parsifal must seem to all shades of religious opinion a great religious work. All great art is "religious," for all great art purifies and vitalizes; and Parsifal is the last artistic word of one of the greatest artists that have enlarged the spirit of man. Its music no less than its poetry, and each no less than its "doctrine," are manna falling from heaven upon the wilderness of life. Great beauty is for all who can love it; and at a performance of Parsifal those who go chiefly or solely for the music or the doctrine, or from curiosity, or from fashion, or from all these motives and more besides, find themselves is breathed far more strongly by the demeanour of the audi-ence. No particular point of



1950s: the beginning of 40 years as head of state after her coronation at Westminster Abbey



1960s: taking on the role of royal mother, holding the recently born Prince Andrew



1970s: a smile for the arrival of summer during a visit to the Chelsea Flower Show



1989s: keeping up the royal family's racing tradition by watching her horse running in the Derby at Epsom

Royal wit takes centre stage

THE QUEEN belies her public persona of rather Hanoverian dourness to reveal a talent for witty oneliners throughout tonight's BBC documentary to mark the 40th anniversary of her accession to the throne.

Elizabeth R, a look at the Queen's day-to-day working life throughout the past year, is peppered with unex-pected witticisms and comic pauses, whether holding court with world leaders or chatting with her private secretary. Speaking to an aide about Lech Walesa during the Polish president's state visit to Windsor Castle last April, the Queen says: "He only knows two English words." (Pause) "They are quite interesting words..." Shown chatting at a Buck-

ingham Palace reception with James Baker, the American secretary of state, and Edward Heath about Saddam Hussein's intransi-gence, she looks to Mr Heath and says sweetly: "I know you did [visit Bagh-dad]. But you're expendable

Earlier in the documentary, she is seen discussing her upcoming state visit to America with Sir Robert Feilowes, her principal pri-vate secretary. "Oh yes, the football," she says. "No, ma'am, it's baseball actual ly, and you will be required to make the first pitch." Pause. Then with little evident enthusiasm: "Oh really sure?"

Edward Mirzoeff, who made the documentary, said that the humour was not meant just for the cameras. "Once we stopped filming. there was never any differ-

Tonight's film of the Queen at work shows an unexpected talent for one-liners, writes Melinda Wittstock

ence in her behaviour." On the more serious side, the Queen dismisses any continuing speculation that she may abdicate in favour of the Prince of Wales. "It is a job for life . . . It's a question of maturing into something that one's got used to doing and accepting the fact that it's your fate, because I think continuity is very im-

portant," she says.
"Most people have a job and then they go home. In this existence, the job and the life go together — you can't really divide it up." She also delivers what

could be interpreted as an affectionate rebuke to some younger members of her family. "If you live in this sort of life, which people don't be a sort of life, which people the sort of life, which people the sort of life, which people the sort of life. don't very much, you live very much by tradition and by continuity... And I think that this is what the younger members find difficult — the regimented side."
The 110-minute docu-

mentary follows the Queen from the state opening of Parliament in November 1990, to the Gillies' Ball. where she is seen dancing an eightsome reel in between comes her secret visit Northern Ireland, the Harare Commonwealth She is also seen on the Royal Train, and at home at Sandringham, Buckingham Pal-ace, Balmoral, Windsor Castle and Holyroodhouse.

Pictured "doing her boxes" — the state papers which a unique knowledge of confi-dential government busi-ness — she says that she is

glad she is a quick reader.
Though I do rather begrudge some of the hours that I have to do instead of being outdoors." She talks frankly about

her unique relationship with all nine prime ministers throughout her reign, from Winston Churchill to John Major, and explains how she has been a "sounding board" for all of them. "They unburden themselves, or they tell me what's going on," she says. "If they've got any problems ... som one can help in that way too.
"I think it's rather nice to feel that one's a sort of sponge and everybody can come and tell one things. Some things stay there and some things go out the other ear and some things never

view when perhaps they hadn't seen it from that ing to Mr Major, who was only eight when the Queen had her first audience with Churchill in February 1952, she says of the fall of com-munism: "It's gone so quickly. Certainly here one can't take it in, but there, it must

come out at all. Occasionally you can put one's point of

be even more traumatic." Mr Major tells her a story about how he turned to a man in Moscow for his reacwho replied: "It's great, but I'm from Woking." The Queen says to Mr Major: "That's the type of thing that always happens to me."



Diary, page 12 Dog star: a 'dorgi' bred by the Queen from a corgi and a dachshund takes part in the anniversary pictures

the Orkney and Shetland is-lands will be cloudy and windy with some light rain or drizzle from time to time. The rest of the British Isles will have a good deal of

cloud and a mainly dry day. Some western facing coasts and hills may have a little drizzle. The best of any cloud breaks will be in the

The far north of Scotland and

TERRY O'NEILL

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ACROSS

I For this type of poisoning, kindly

turn over to head-note (8). 6 He aims for the bull (6). 9 Quantity called for by Richard

10 The point of the French measure can be taught (8). 11 Change pattern of heartless sail-

12 Stiffening for colourless Tudor Privy Council (6). 13 Turn away the composer (5).

14 Paradoxically it's not a birdie! 17 Marry poet? Maybe, but not till death do us part (9).

19 Pleased if youngster's content to improve morally (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,833 RECLAY OVERDO E K O N B I N W THRILLING 22 Order to charge to the Scot (6). 23 Scholarly Irishman detailed to pursue a traitor (8).

24 Food Heather's turning her hand to (8). 25 Rate for Jenny? (6).

26 Parts of bodies in boxes (6). 27 Correcting myself in winding up

2 Modify a style of painting (7).

3 Vermin catcher gets tramp out of 4 Know by instinct the in-thing that grabs a trade union (6).

5 Letting a learner get involved in an amorous situation (7,8). 6 Its offspring has a long journey ahead (8).

7 Stop doctor boarding Eastern vessel (7). 8 Strange oaths — very rash (9). 13 Wild Pict imprisoning a group of

country lovers (9). 15 Having made amends, got into line again (9).

16 Cracks a girl weeps about (8). 18 Restraint shown by master making a clean break (7).

20 A thrill for Friday's child (7). 21 Have a kip in this French sofa

> The Concise crossword is on page 19 of Life & Times

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct By Philip Howard

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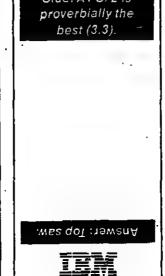
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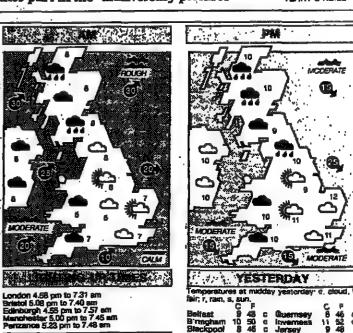
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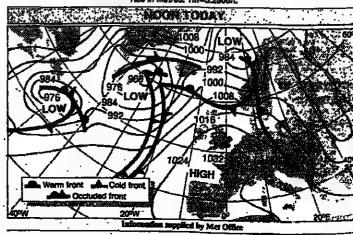
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Customers still paying too much

UK carmakers cleared of overcharging

MOTOR manufacturers have been cleared of overcharging for cars in Britain in a 1,000 page report which generally backed the car industry's claims that it operates a free market.

The monopolies commission, investigating allegations that British car prices were as much as 30 per cent higher than abroad, said that its detailed survey did not indicare "significant differences in general price levels" with those markets most similar to

Although the report called for greater freedom for motor dealers to help "sharpen competition", the industry breathed a sigh of relief as it became clear that the MMC had largely supported its claims that it operated a free and competitive sales system which was not against the

Neil Marshall, director of economic affairs at the Retail Motor Industry Federation, said: "The claims pushed by consumer groups that prices in Britain are far higher than abroad have simply not been nubstantiated.

"Instead, the commission recognises that we operate a franchised dealer system simflar to that operated in the European Community, the USA and Japan and that competition in the UK market is extraordinarily fierce."

The government is ready to accept that dealers should be given more freedom to operer, the MMC discovered that the issue of pricing was more

City gives cautious welcome to report

BY MATTHEW BOND

THE Monopolies and Mereers report met with a cautious welcome in the City, with most analysis pointing out that no amount of reforms could bring an early end to the lacklustre level of trading currently being experienced by motor dealers.

Sandy Morris, analyst at . County NatWest Securities, v -matti how many dealerships you have, if none of them are selling any cars." However, Mr Morris thought that in the medium to long term the report's recommendations would be positive for the more efficient dealers, which would now be free to expand their

businesses and take advan-tage of economies of scale. Mr Morris thought the ending of restrictions on nonnew car-related businesses could present opportunities for some dealers. Reg Vardy, the Wearside motor group,

said it would be expanding its used car supermarkets, which trade as MotorZone, into areas where it did not have new car franchises. Previously, such openings have been prevented by the manufacturers

that Vardy represents. Gavin Launder, of Kleinwort Benson Securities, said that in the medium term the recommend should increase the attractions of owning a dealership and could result in an increase in bid activity.

Most dealers' shares

showed modest rises on the day. The biggest gainer was Inchcape, up 12p at 432p. In December. Inchcape paid £382 million for Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, owner of the Wadham Kenning and Cooper dealership chains. Inchcape already owns the Mann Egerton dealerships.

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complex than at first suspected, prolonging the investigation to study thousands of documents from manufacturers and dealer groups.

Although Peter Lilley, the trade secertary, has given interested parties until April 3 to make their own comments on the report, it is clear he will not order any across-theboard price cuts.

His powers are also limited to carry out further recommendations by the MMC. Instead, he is accepting the MMCs argument that the current system of franchised dealerships works efficiently

in favour of the car owner.
Mr Lilley said: "The MMC has found that in general the established distribution sys-tem through franchised dealers provides benefits to the consumer by encouraging competition between car

The MMC decided that consumers, particularly private buyers, were paying more than they should for new cars and identified key reasons. They were:

dealers were prevented from greater competition by restrictions on their activities by manufacturers. voluntary restraints on

Japanese imports, limited to 11 per cent of the UK market. ☐ distortions associated with company cars, which account for half of all annual sales. ☐ big discounts given to fleet owners, effectively subsidised by private buyers.

If the rule of driving on the

the difficulties of importing cars from abroad.

There also seems little like-lihood that Mr Lilley will be able to open up the British market to unrestricted Japanese imports. The present voluntary agreement is passed over to EC authorities next year which are committed to restrictions until the end of the century.

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In defence of Liberty: Harold Weblin, chairman, dismisses Mr Myerson's plans

Liberty rejects challenge

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BRIAN Myerson, the South African entrepreneur with a 15 per cent stake in the voting shares of Liberty, plans to put his proposals for the retail group directly to shareholders at an extraordinary meeting, after their rejection by

the board. Mr Myerson proposes a new chief executive, an injeccapital and an increase in the involvement of his company, Concerto Capital, in Liberty's

future development. Liberty, chaired by Harold Weblin, said: "Mr Myerson has no retail experience. He is an arbitrageur from South Africa, so far as we can see. He has been very reluctant to say anything about where his money comes from, his back-

ground or where he sits". Mr Myerson, who in 1990 attempted to force the enfranchisement of the non-voting shares in Aquascutum, which led to the sale of the business to Renown, of Japan, said he had written to Liberty outlin-

ing his proposals.
The strategy would involve raising the £25 million through the issue of new shares — £20 milion on the voting shares and £5 million on the non-voting shares. The issue would be subject to preexisting shareholders.

The proposals would mean a dilution in the stake of the inner Stewart-Liberty family. which holds 35 per cent of the voting shares. Mr Myerson proposes that they do not take up their rights. The bulk of these shares are held by the widow of Arthur Stewart-Liberty but the extended farnily owns more than 50 per cent of the voting shares.

Under the scheme, Concerto would underwrite the issue to the extent of about £13 million, which Mr Myerson said would result in it holding around 28 per cent of the equity. Existing shareholders would be offered the opportunity to sell their shares at the time of the issue.

Last night, he said his plans would involve opening 15 to 20 flagship Liberty stores around the world. "Liberty's growth-over the last ten years has been pedestrian. Our plans would enable to them to make more of the brand name and develop the wholesaling side," he said. He added that he had an independent chief executive with experience of UK retailing lined up.

A spokesman for Liberty said: "We have received outline proposals from Mr Myerson which have been lacking in substance and which we do not believe to be in the best interests of the

Auditor gives account of BCCI fraud

By NEIL BENNETT

PRICE Waterhouse, the auditors of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, has finally broken silence about the investigation and the discovery of the \$10 billion fraud that led to the bank's closure last July.

As part of its enquiry into the BCCI affair, the Treasury and Civil Service select committee has published a series of written answers that PW made in response to the committee's questions. This, for the first time, details its activities in the events leading to the bank's closure.

Until now, PW has been forced to remain silent about its activities under the terms of the Banking Act and has been subjected to intense criticism over its failure to detect the fraud earlier.

The accountancy firm says in its defence: "Even the best planned and executed audit will not necessarily discover a sophisticated fraud, especially one where there is collusion at the highest level of man-agement. Under such circumstances, it is reasonable to expect that it may take a number of audits before accumulating concerns lead to the identification of fraud."

The memoranda also state that the Abu Dhabi government, BCCI's controlling shareholder, had known about the bank's concealed deposits, fictitious loans and hidden investments since April 1990 and had failed to reveal them.

PW was appointed as BCCI's sole auditor in 1987. From 1988, the firm carried out nine reports into the BCCI's finances for the Bank of England.

PW says that BCCI's fraud originated in the early Sevenfictitious profits and inflated its capital" to support its rapid growth. The accountant became suspicious of the bank almost 15 years later. ☐ Mohammed Abdul Baqi former managing director of Attock Oil, appeared in court yesterday. He faces a charge alleging that between 1987 and 1990 he conspired with Basheer Chowdry, head of BCCI British operations, to

show PW that Attock owed

the bank \$76.5 million. He

was remanded in custody for

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Brittan seeks Rover return

FROM TOM WALKER in Brussels

SIR Leon Brittan has confirmed he wants to reopen the Rover case before the European Court of Justice, regardless of any general election date in Britain.

sioner, who accused the government of being "subversive of the whole system" of EC state aid rules, needs the support of the full commission if he is to proceed, but this is likely to be a formality. Taking the case back to the court would be the quickest

The competition commis-

course of action for Sir Leon's team. The court would then give British Aerospace time to submit a defence. In its interim judgment last year on the 1988 sale of Rover to British Aerospace for £150 million, the court clearly intimated that the commission's argument that subsidies worth

BY ROSS TIEMAN

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AFRICANS thought it so valuable they

used it as money. Siberians toiled for it

and Gandhi risked imprisonment for it

- but ICI, Britain's biggest producer,

Health conscious doctors, who urge

Britons to cut their salt intake, are not

to blame. And Britain's local authorities

continue to spread the stuff over the

Britain's salt market is healthy. But it

is simply too small to justify the atten-

tion of Sir Denys Henderson's increas-

For a mere £40 million the chemicals

and pharmaceuticals group has reached

a provisional agreement to sell most of

its salt production to D George Harris &

Associates, a federation of American

chemicals companies. The North Amer-

ican Salt Company (Namsco), part of

this federation and America's third-

roads by the lorryload every winter.

has lost interest in . . . sait.

ingly lean and mean ICI.



Sir Leon: court choice £44.4 million had been hidden was sound. A direct referral of the case could take three

or four months. However, if the commission decides to open a fresh case against the government, under article 93 - on state aids - of the Treaty of Rome, the procedure could take another two years to come to court. Court officials yester-

day doubted this option would be worth the time and the effort for the commission. Sir Leon yesterday said that "it would be good for the taxpayer" for the case to be

reopened. He also criticised the government for breaking its deal on aid to Rover with the commission. In 1988, the commission allowed the government to write off £331 million of the carmaker's £800 million debt, on condition that BAe would pay at least £150 million for the company. Subsequently, Sir Leon's lawyers found that BAe had been paid sweeteners worth £44.4 million.

The commission lost the court case because it ordered BAe to pay the money back without giving the group a chance to defend itself. Sir Leon said the judgment related "to procedural matters and does not touch the merits of the actual decision".

ICI removes the salt from its table

largest salt producer, will thus become a key player in one of Britain's oldest

During the Triassic era, 200 million

years ago, when Britain was a mere peninsula of the European mainland.

much of Cheshire formed a giant salt pan. Evaporating sea water left behind salt, polluted with mari, as an 80ft

strata of rocksalt, now buried 140

metres below the Cheshire countryside.

exploited since Roman times, but it was

in 1844 that miners drove the first shaft

of what is now ICI's rock salt mine at

Winsford. Production was small until

the 1950s, when the development of

motor transport triggered a surge in demand. The mine now provides two-thirds of Britain's road de-icing salt.

Huge caverns have been carved out

over the years by giant underground digging machines. The mine extends

over an area of almost four square miles reached through a 100-mile under-

Outcrops are known to have been

extractive industries.

Clowes jury retires

Clowes fraud case retired yesterday to consider its verdicts on the 109th day of the hearing at the Old Bailey. The eight men and four women have heard evidence

were urged by the judge, Mr Justice Phillips, to try to reach unanimous verdicts on 20 fraud and theft counts. The prosecution has alleged that Peter Clowes, aged 49, Peter Naylor, Guy von Cramer and Christopher Newman "milked" more than £113 million belonging to investors who thought their money was being used to buy

gilt-edged stock. The jury members were sent to an hotel for the night and continue their delibera-

ground road network. Along with the mine, Namsco will buy ICI's Weston

Point plant at Runcorn, which refines

white salt for Britain's tables, as well as

in animal feed, water softening and the

Supplies of brine for this plant, how-

ever, will continue to be delivered by

pipeline from ICI. The company is quit-

ting the general salt market but will

retain its other Cheshire salt mines.

which employ the Frash technique of

pumping water into the reserves to dis-

chlorine alongside the Weston Point plant. Since this is an integrated part of

ICI's chemicals and polymers opera-

tion, which is regarded as a core busi-

league salt producer worldwide. Purchase of the ICI business will increase

its 1,200-strong workforce by 200 and

pose a challenge to former ICI rivals.

ness, ICI will retain control of it. Namsco intends to become a big

The resulting brine is used to produce

chemical industry.

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Japanese will exert powerful pressure on prices

The monopolies commission has been studying the supply of new cars since

May 1990. Its conclusions and recommendations are published below

e have examined the influences tending to raise the level of United Kingdom prices. We have drawn attention to the distortion in prices to private customers that we attribute to the position of the company car in the United

We have noted that, although we do not expect sig-nificant difference in the general level of prices be-tween the United Kingdom and France or Germany, prices for individual models. and particularly in the small car sector, may be expected to

There is greater awareness by UK consumers that prices and discounts vary widely

be significantly above those in other EC countries, particularly Benelux and The Netherlands.

From time to time, the general level of prices may also be expected to be significantly above that in other EC countries. We have noted how the British Isles are uniquely excluded from many of the benefits of parallel importing when price differences do emerge. The causes of higher prices to United Kingdom private customers may, as we suggest, lie outside the distri-

Nevertheless, while we have

noted earlier the benefits pro vided by selective and exclusive distribution (SED). we consider that certain features of the system, namely those restrictions by suppliers which limit advertising by a dealer outside his territory, limit the volume of cars he can sell, the extent to which he can hold competing franchises, or prevent him engaging in other car-related businesses, all contribute to the maintenance of higher

They do this by preventing action by the dealer that would otherwise mitigate their effects; they limit the ability of dealers to grow stronger, to develop bargaining power in relation to the supplier, and generally to in-crease their efficiency and independence in making buslness decisions.

If the more efficient dealers were free from these restrictions on expanding their business and able to hold dealerships from all the major suppliers, they could be expected to expand their op-erations by developing the volume of sales to private

uyers. Achieving higher volume would depend on, and pro-vide scope for, lower prices and would result in more open advertising to customers of the prices on offer. Increased sales and the development of business with other competing suppliers would strengthen the dealer's position in seeking more favourable terms from suppliers.

A dealer would also be in a stronger position to exploit price disparities between the



Forecourt forethought: bargain-hunting customers have become aware of the disparity in car prices

United Kingdom and other EC markets by offering to act as an intermediary in carrying out parallel importing. The ability to develop a range of car-related activities would strengthen his position. Essentially, the dealer would then be in a stronger position to act competitively in a way which tended to redress the present detriments to the pri-

vate consumer set out above. We then considered whether any developments in the market were likely to alter our

Over the next few years, voluntary export restraints (VERs) in the EC are to be relaxed and we have indicated our hope that the process in the United Kingdom may be speeded up.

Relaxation of VERs together with the availability of cars from Japanese-owned plants in the United Kingdom should exercise powerful pressure on prices in the United Kingdom and the effect on the distribution system cannot be foreseen at this stage.

We have noted the recent ment for closer co-operation on development and

Rover and Honda which will effectively extend the benefits of Japanese methods to almost a quarter of the United Kingdom market, even if no closer link is established between the parties.

manufacture of cars between

Common standards in the EC and review of the working of the block exemption may offer more scope for free

movement of cars, although right hand drive will remain a barrier to arbitrage. We hope that fiscal measures will continue to reduce the distortions caused by the company car culture but would not expect any rapid changes in the behaviour of companies and users.

Our enquiry has been taking place at a time when the United Kingdom car market has fallen dramatically and conditions are abnormal. There is greater awareness by United Kingdom consumers, partly as a result of the depressed market of the fact that transaction prices and discounts vary widely and of the need to bargain and to shop around, and we would hope this awareness will coninue. However, as the market recovers, discounts are likely to be harder to secure.

Taking these factors into account, we expect some increase in competitive pressures on the industry over the next few years. We do not, however, consider that these developments would remove the detriments we have

We have already identified the adoption of the following restrictions (among others): restrictions on the extent to which the dealer may promote the sale of his supplier's cars outside his designated territory;

limits on the total volume of the supplier's new cars that may be sold through a single dealer or dealer group; limits on the number and location of other supplier's

dealerships held by the deal-

er; and limits on the extent to which or conditions under which dealers may engage in other car-related busine as steps taken, by those in whose favour the complex monopoly situation exists, to

exploit and maintain this sit-

uation. We now conclude that these restrictions also represent facts which we have found in pursuance of our investigations and which operate or may be expected to operate against the public interest in that (and having the particular effects adverse to the public interest that) they prevent dealers from developing their businesses in the ways we have outlined and thereby, in the ways that we have shown, limit intrabrand competition between these dealers, restrict interbrand competition and the entry of new suppliers, prevent the emergence of larger and more efficient dealers and deny consumers the benefits of increased competition particularly the potential benefit of lower prices. We do not find that the other practices constitute facts which

We expect some increase in competitive pressures on the industry over the next few years

operate or may be expected to operate against the public

We have already found that no steps are being taken for the purpose of exploiting and maintaining the scale mo-nopoly situation. Neither are any actions or omissions attributed to the scale monopoy situation. We further conclude that there are no facts found pursuant to our investigation relating to the conduct Ford and Jaguar.

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Dealers should be allowed freedom to advertise outside their territories

e are required to consider what action (if any) should be taken for the purpose of remedying or preventing the adverse effects we have identified and we may, if we think fit, make recommendations as to such action. We have identified a number of restrictions imposed by suppliers in their agreements with dealers with the effects adverse to the public interest. We put potential remedies to the parties and have considered the arguments put to us by suppliers for the retention of these restrictions, in particular that the present aringements were required to ensure that dealers concentrated on promoting their supplier's marque and developing their territory to the best of their ability, and that they already allowed satisfactory intra-brand competition, while

preserving the overall coverage of the network. As we have indicated in the earlier discussion. we consider that removal of detriments, while it would lead to some change in suppliers' distribution systems, would not undermine the benefits they provide to the consumer in terms of inter-brand competition and standards of sale, servicing and repair underwritten by the manufacturer. We therefore recommend action to remedy the adverse effects of the restrictions, as set out below. We do not propose fundamental change to an established system, but we recommend the removal of any restrictions on franchised dealers, whether by means of agree-total sales of its cars that may be made by any franchised dealers, whether by means of agree-

side his designated territory;

limit the dealer's freedom to hold or acquire dealerships outside that designated territory: prevent a dealer holding or acquiring co ting dealerships within his territory; provided that the supplier may be entitled to require that any other dealership acquired be at a separate location and a reasonable distance from its dealership and under separate management;

restrict the extent to which a dealer can sell car-related goods or provide services, eg car hire, second-hand car sales, fast-fit or multibrand servicing, outside his territory; and limit the total number of the supplier's cars

that any dealer or dealer group may sell during

lowed freedom to advertise outside their territories we do not consider that the present restrictions allowed under the block exemption should be relaxed to allow targeted approaches such as cold calling. Nor do we think that dealers should be allowed to promote sales by setting up any kind of branches outside their territory, which would undermine the concept of a designated

Ve have explained why we think suppli-ers should be allowed to prevent their each sold from the same sites as other makes or from adjoining sites, in order to

that dealers may be allowed to acquire compet-ing dealerships within the designated territory ect to concil ensure that the management of such dealerships is separate and that the dealerships themselves are far enough apart to be recognised as separate undertakings with the object of ensur-

ing the inter-brand competition. The distance involved will vary with the type of territory. The dealer must be able to show against objective criteria that acquiring the new dealership will not weaken inter-brand competition. It would be important that the benefit of the recommendations should not be frustrated by action by a supplier to vary other aspects of its arrangements with its dealers. For example, the expected benefits of a dealer's freedom to advertise might be frustrated if his out-of-area

sales were not allowed by the supplier to count for bonus, or if an increase in the volume of an individual dealer or dealer group's sales were to result in action by the supplier to redraw the designated territory

In considering these recommendations the Secretary of State will doubtless note the views of the Directorate General IV of the EC Commission, which have been challenged by some suppliers, on the interpretation of the Regulation and in particular the view that restrictions on the holding of dealerships from other suppliers outside the supplier's designated area of resare not covered by the block exemption. We do not regard it as necessary for us to reach a view on the correct interpretation of the Regulation. However, we suggest that when the Regulation is reviewed the opportunity be taken to remove the present uncertainty about its application.

In addition to our recommendations we have identified a number of other matters, not covered by our findings, where we have made suggestions for review of existing policies:

□ VERs in the United Kingdom. ☐ structure and level of company car taxation.
☐ the requirement of driving on the left. procedures under the Regulation for parallel

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Coopers & Lybrand ordered to pay \$200m damages

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

A TEXAS jury has awarded more than \$550 million against a group which includes Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, for their part in the American "bricks in transit" computer scandal which cost Standard Chartered Bank \$110 million.

(A)

Standard Chartered had already written off \$80 million over the affair and had been considering suing for the remaining \$30 million.

Three years ago, outside directors and new auditors of MiniScribe, the Coloradobased computer hard disc maker, conducted a sixmonth investigation and charged that company managers had "perpetrated a

massive fraud". Investigators took evidence from 100 interviews and sifted 300,000 pages of documents covering a period from 1985 to the end of 1988 when MiniScribe was among the hottest com-puter stocks on Wall Street.

they could be counted as stock

the Securities and Exchange Commission found a comput-

er program created by the company called "Cook Book". Miniscribe went into

bankruptcy protection two years ago after failing to pay \$3.7 million of interest to its

bondholders.

The jury found against Coopers & Lybrand, Mini-

Scribe's accountant,

Hambrecht and Quist, a San

Francisco investment bank, its founder, William Hambrecht, and Mr Q T Wiles, chairman of

MiniScribe during the time the fraud took place. They awarded \$28.7 million in

compensation and \$530 mil-

Action was brought by holders of MiniScribe bonds

who said they lost \$20 million

because they invested in the

company on the basis of false financial information. It is

the first of a dozen legal ac-

The damages award was split: \$250 million against Mr Wiles, \$200 million

against Coopers & Lybrand, \$45 million from Hambrecht

and Quist, and \$35 million against Mr Hambrecht. All

defendants are expected to

Coopers & Lybrand said in a statement that it would mount a vigorous appeal against what it described as a

vastly excessive and uncon-

scionable punitive award. Hambrecht said it had been a

victim not a perpetrator, and had helped to unearth the

A lawyer for Mr Wiles said

the verdict was "unfortu-nate". Joseph Jamail, lawyer

for the bondholders Kempner

Capital Management and the National Bank of Galveston,

was awarded a fee of \$8:2

million. He is best known

locally for winning the \$10.3

billion damages awarded in 1986 to Pennzoil in its action

tions due to be heard.

lion punitive damages.

Later in the investigation

They reported that senior company officials broke into locked trunks containing auditor's paperwork for the year ending December 1986 and inflated stock values by \$1 million, altering figures in a way that if detected could have been explained as typographical errors.

Common building bricks were packaged to look like \$4.3 million of hard disc sales

Housing starts show 3% rise

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIAL figures showing a pick up in the number of new dwellings started in Britain in the second half of last year were hailed by the government as a fresh pointer to economic recovery.

But City analysts dismissed the data on housing starts as irrelevant, noting that the stock of unsold houses grew strongly last year. The latest building society figures show house prices continuing to weaken last month.

Government data published yesterday show the number of housing starts in the final quarter of 1991 was 35,200, up 3 per cent on the same period in 1990. In the second half of last year, starts second half of 1990. For the dropped 1,000 to 160,300.

Tim Yeo, the environment minister, said: "These latest figures confirm - recent .evi-. dence that recovery is getting

building industry. For the second consecutive quarter housing starts have recorded a rise compared with the pre-vious year." He said recent mortgage rate cuts and the temporary abolition of stamp duty meant "prospects for the housebuilding industry are

already improving".

But quarter-on-quarter figures showed housing starts fell by 8 per cent after seasonal adjustment in the last three months of 1991. Housing association starts, which have been encouraged by government programmes, were the only category to show a quarter-on-quarter rise.

John Wigglesworth, housing analyst as UBS Phillips & Drew, said starts were not a useful guide to housing de-mand. He underlined the importance of the increase in unsold new houses to about 80,000 last year from 45,000 the previous year.



VODAPONE Group, the cellular telephone company under Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman (above), has acquired 18.9 per cent of NordicTel Holdings, the Swedish telecom company, which has a 100 per cent interest through its subsid-iary. AB NordicTel, in a

Swedish GSM digital celinlar

NordicTel and pay Kr3.5 million (E330,000) for the NordicTel Holdings stake. It will also acquire a promissory note for Krl 5 million and make capital invest-ments of Kr87.5 million in the financial year 1991-2, and Kr125 million in 1992-The total payment

unts to around Kr217.5

Alphameric directors issue an

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ultimatum

ALPHAMERIC, which makes computer keyboards and electronic point of sale systems, announced a longawaited restructuring. The group is raising £4.3 million by way of a placing and open offer of 20 million new shares at 23p. Its shares fell 14p to 1p. The issue has been conditionally placed or underwritten by Guinness Mahon.

Shareholders will receive a document outlining a radical reorganisation. It states that if the proposals are not ap-proved, the group is likely to cease trading. An extraordi-nary meeting has been called for February 28.

The main points of the proposed reorganisation in-clude consolidation of the existing ordinary shares and subsequent division of the consolidated shares into new ordinary shares and deferred shares; rescheduling of debt repayments; renegotiation of banking facilities and elimination of the deficit on the group's profit and loss account by a capital reduction.

Midland Bank is providing a mortgage loan of £906,250 on a factory in Andover, Hampshire, a three-year re-volving capital expenditure loan of £230,000 and an

overdraft facility of £500,000. The group lost £377,000 pre-tax in the six months to September 30 (£1.75 million loss). Turnover fell from £6.93 million to £3.63 million and there was an exceptional credit of £1.12 million for the profit on disposal of the group's financial systems division. The loss per share is 0.3p compared with 1.7p. Dr Geoff Bristow, who

helped to devise and implement the rationalisation plan, has resigned as a director to take up a post in America.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP. Lee leaves Attwoods soon after rights

director of Attwoods and three months after the waste management group's £80 million rights issue. Attwoods was forced to proceed with the heavily discounted share issue after its main American bank collapsed and other banks refused to extend extra credit facilities. Ken Foreman, the Attwoods chairman, said Mr Lee could not take "full responsibility" for the rights, but, he added that "it had got to an untenable position where his credibility was affected." Artwoods' attempts to raise funds was opposed by institutional investors who were surprised by the move at a time when profitability did not appear to be under threat. The nine-for-25 rights issue was subsequently revised, with new shares being offered at 100p each, against the then market price of 175p. The shares stayed at 146p yesterday.

British Thornton ahead

BRITISH Thornton Holdings, the manufacturer and distributor of educational equipment, is back in the black after last year's reorganisation. The company unveiled a pre-tax profit of £20,000 in the six months to end-October (£413,000 loss), on turnover of £1.1 million (£354,000). However, the previous figures are not really comparable because of the changes in the nature of the business. Earnings per share stood at 0.1p (1.2p deficit). There is no interim dividend (nil).

Blenheim raises £5.5m

BLENHEIM Group, the exhibitions organiser, has raised £5.5 million via a placing of 1.35 million new shares, 1.5 per cent of the enlarged share capital. BZW placed the shares with 12 institutions, predominantly French, at a tight discount to the market price, which subsequently fell 3p to 420p. The proceeds of the placing will be used for working capital. About 32 per cent of the group's shares are now in French hands. Générale des Eaux, the utilities group, saw its stake in Blenheim diluted to 14.8 per cent from 15.1 per

Whessoe sells offshoot

WHESSOE, the instrumentation and engineering group. has continued to move away from heavy engineering manufacture with the sale of Whessoe (Ireland) to its management for Ir£705,000 (£650,000). Chris Fleetwood, Whessoe's chief executive, said the company decided to move away from heavy engineering in 1989 because there was "no longer an adequate market".

Olivetti forecast

OLIVETTI, the Italian computer maker, hopes to break even or make a small profit this year, according to Carlo de Benedetti, the chairman and chief executive. Speaking at the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland, Signor de Benedetti said his forecast assumed a flat economy, but a smaller decline in prices than last year, when personal computer prices fell by 40 per cent in six months.

CSR assets Pay deals and job abroad losses add to revalued

CSR, an Australian building and sugar group, is writing tions by Aus\$696 million (£292 million). The revaluation covers plant, equipment, goodwill and trademarks. CSR said it would record a net extraordinary loss of Aus\$558.2 million in the year ending March 31.

Director goes

Board return

joined the board of The News Corporation, the international media group that owns The Times. Mr McDonald left the board last October, when he was about to retire as chief executive of Queensland Press, but was subsequently invited to become a nonexecutive director.

passengers a year.

German worries GERMAN economic gloom deepened yesterday following the announcement of a sharp rise in unemployment in eastem Germany, and comments by a Bundesbank council

The uncertainty surrounding prospects for the western German economy increased further after comments from Lothar Müller, the hardline Bundesbank council member for the state of Bavaria, who announced that he "could not hold out the prospect" of lower interest rates because of high wage settlements and the rise in public debt, which will increase to almost DM2,000 billion by 1994, double the pre-unification level of 1989.

member that interest rates

will have to stay high for some

time because of high wage

Today, the Bundesbank will hold its first council meeting following Monday's controversial wage agreement in the steel sector, which resulted in a wage package worth a total of just under 6.4 per cent. The Bundesbank is known to be deeply con-cerned about this settlement. However, it is unlikely that the council will vote to raise official interest rates again given the furore caused by last December's controversial half-

point rate increase. The wage agreement in the steel sector has been widely condemned amid fears that wage deals of 6 per cent and above would spill over into other sectors, and thus accelerate the growth in inflation. The IG Metall steel and

metalworkers's union said that the steel agreement would form the benchmark for the forthcoming metal age round — the most crucial of all, affecting 4 million workers. If the union can repeat its negotiating success, a subsequent rise in German rates can not be excluded.

The metal employers organisation said yesterday that 90 per cent of its members demanded a complete rethink of wages policy in order to avoid massive job losses. Dieter Kirchner, the association president, said yesterday that 80 per cent of metal companies were unable to absorb last year's settlement of 6.7 per cent, and had to pass on the entra costs in higher

For the current wage round, the IG Metall is demanding a settlement of 9.5 per cent. But the employers maintain, that "even a wage demand i per cent below that of last year is beyond reason?

The increasing uncertainty in western Germany coincides with signs of an upturn in economic activity in the east, where industrial orders rose by 5.3 per cent in November, albeit from a low level. The economic recovery has had little impact on the east German labour market, however, as unemployment jumped by 300,000 to 1.34 million in January, or 17 per cent of the workforce, according to the federal labour

The rise in unemployment was a direct result of the expiry of a subsidised shorttime work scheme at the end of last year. The numbers in short-time work as a result of the scheme fell sharply from 1.03 million in December to 520,000 in January.

However, the true extent of eastern German unemployment remains disguised by a a series of training and job creation measures, and it is believed that the underlying unemployment rate may now be as high as 40 per cent of the workforce.

1991. A year in which we achieved many highs.

- Pre-tax profits up 29% to a record £54.6 million. (1990 £42.3 million.)
- Net profits up 33% to a record £36.6 million. (1990 £27.5 million.)
- Mortgage lending up 45% to a record £1,179 million. (1990 £814 million.)
- Net retail receipts up 86% to £442 million. (1990 £237 million.)
- Assets up 29% to £4,400 million. (1990 £3,400 million.)

And one all-time low.

■ Unit costs down by 12% leading to a fall in the Management Expenses Ratio of 0.21%.

NORTHERN ROCK

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Alan Coates, chairman, shareholders' funds would be reduced by Aus\$372 million, about 10 per cent of non-current issets. The write-downs would improve CSR's profitability by about Aus\$15 million a year because of lower depreciation and amortisation

Kevin Betts, aged 38, finan-cial director of Central Inde-pendent Television, is leaving the company, only months after it won a new 10-year broadcasting franchise.

Keith McDonald has re-

Airport revamp

BAA, the airport operator, announced a £60 million programme to improve international passenger facilities at Glasgow airport. The airport's capacity will rise from 5½ million to 10 million

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Making an issue of the tunnel disputes

THE exploratory talks between Eurotunnel and its contractors in the TML consortium over payment in shares could lead to an agreement that suits all parties. If the disputes over cost overruns go badly for Eurotunnel, the group will probably not have enough cash or facilities to meet future commitments. On the other hand, the contractors, whose mainstream businesses are largely having a terrible time, have shareholders to address in a few months and might prefer a holding of shares if the alternative is to make

THE exploratory talks between Eurotunnel and its contractors in the TML claims and Eurotunnel's agreement is still wide. The size of that gap will largely determine Eurotunnel's response.

In theory, a share issue may be preferable to the agonies, no doubt protracted in the extreme, involved in persuading 200 or so banks to go through the routine of further examinations of projected costs and incomes.

Provided the financing gap to be plugged does not involve much dilution and is accompanied by an agreement by TML members to hold their shares for a period of years, a share issue might be the answer.

Fuel for car market

NEW cars are not exactly streaming out of the showrooms of Britain's motor dealers. So it was not surprising that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report failed to cause much of a stir.

hefty provisions for out-

standing disputed claims.

Whether the idea reaches

fruition, however, depends

With the exception of Pendragon, which celebrated its first day in the FT All-Share Index with a 19p rise to 193p, early gains among motor dealers were quickly

lost.

While the short term remains bleak, however, longer-term opportunities offered by the MMC's recommendations should not be
ignored. For a freer market
in motor dealerships

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bought.
One that has already gone buying is Inchcape, 12p higher at 432p. Only two months ago, the company paid £382 million for Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, owner of Wadham Kenning and Cooper, which will operate alongside Inchcape's existing Mann Egerton chain.

Other possible gainers are Lex Service, up 3p to 220p. Its withdrawal from component distribution could leave it well placed to expand motor dealerships. The MMC's endorsement of economies of scale should also favour Perry. unchanged at 147p.

STOCK MARKETS

MMC report helps price of car dealers accelerate

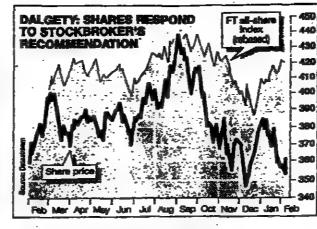
THE motor distributors moved into top gear on news that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission had largely supported the industry's claims that it operated a free and competitive sales system that was not against the public interest. However, the commission said a monopoly had operated in the car parts trade and called for the restriction on Japanese imports to be lifted in order to generate increased competition.

The report came as a relief

for hard-pressed car distributors. Gains were recorded in
Appleyard, 3p to 102p.
Caffyns, Ip to 349p. Dagenham Motors, 3p to 118p.
Levans Halshaw, 6p to 275p.
Lex Service, 3p to 220p.
Lookers, 1p to 94p. and
Quicks, 1p to 60p. Shares of
Pendragon advanced 19p to
193p after becoming a constituent of the FT all-share
index. Incheape, which handles the distribution of Toyota
cars im Britain and other
parts of Europe, jumped 12p

apathetic. The FT-SE 100 index saw an early 12-point

to 432 p.



lead reversed as prices drifted on lack of support. The index closed down 9.7 points at 2.547.1 in thin trading. Forte slipped 1p to 224p as the group took a party of analysts on a tour of its opera-

way. Analysis hoped to hear about occupancy rates.

British Airways fell op to 234p. One of the American securities houses is telling clients that the expected deal with KLM, the Dutch airline,

tions around the M25 motor-

also said to have reduced its profit estimates.

Dalgety rose 7p to 361p, with Hoare Govett, the stock-broker, turning positive before this month's full-year figures, which are expected to show pre-taxt profits up from £110 million to £116 million. Meanwhile, Hazlewood

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Foods fell 13p to 125p as
Smith New Court, the stockbroker, again trimmed its
profits forecast and urged cirems to switch into Booker, 4p
better at 457p. Smith Kline

Beecham A rose 11p to 966p amid optimism about good prospects for its new treatment for enlarged prostate glands.

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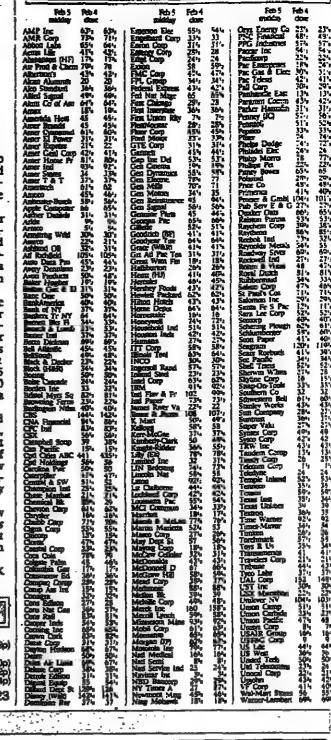
Medeva jumped a further
10p to 283p after a presentation in New York. Bernard
Taylor, the chairman, is believed to have created a
favourable impression with
American fund managers.

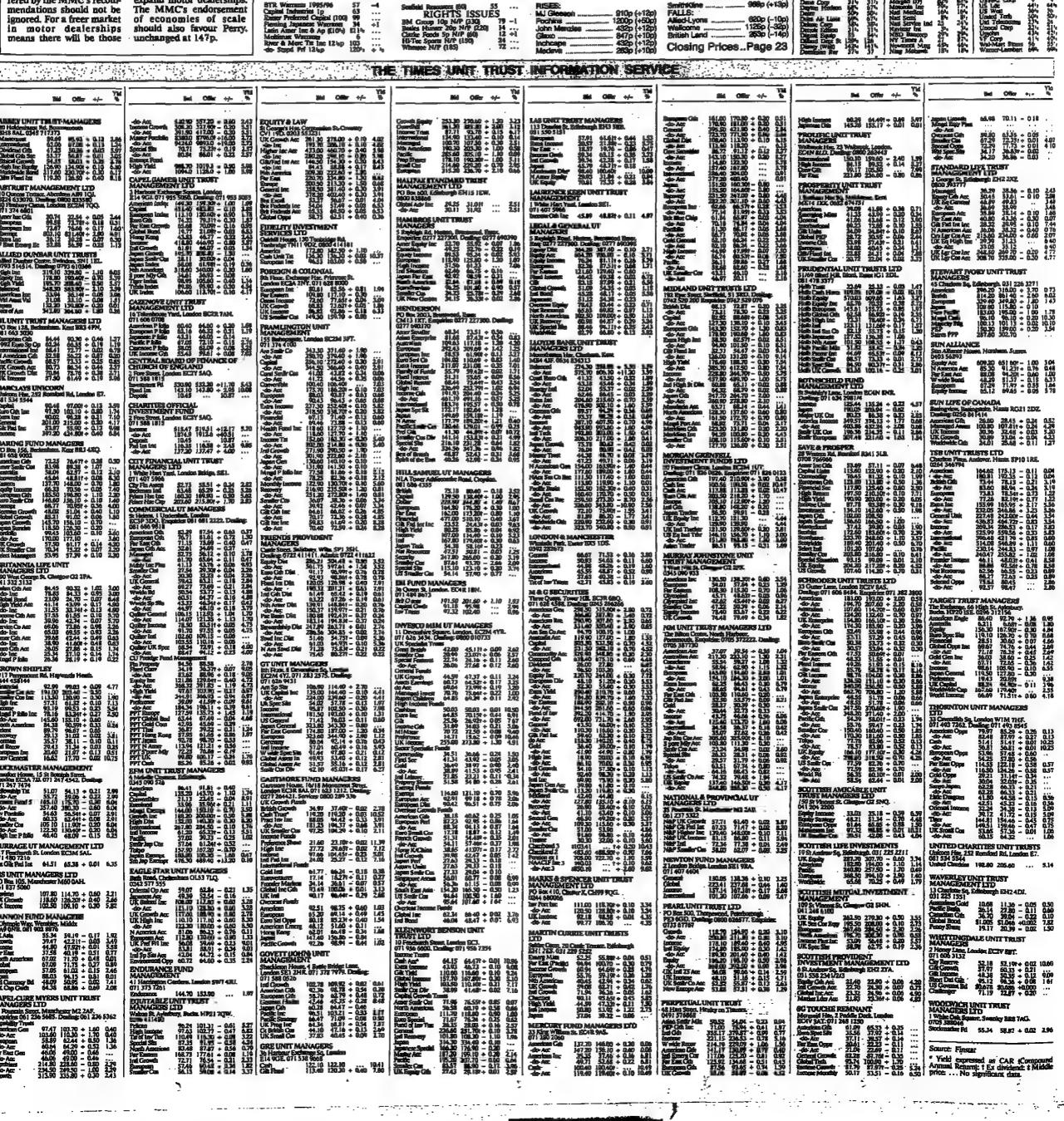
County NatWest Woodmac has become the latest broker to downgrade its profits forecast for Allied-Lyons after meeting the company. It has out its forecast for the current year by £27 million to £635 million and for 1993 by £30 million to £730 million after a noor January.

Tiphook continued to reel from this week's bear raid, with the price losing 20p at 380p, for a two-day deficit of 35p. UBS Phillips & Drew has downgraded the asset values of some property

Cl In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average was 0.89 of a point higher at 3,273.70 in mid-afternoon trading.

MICHAEL CLAI





German wage fears overdone

oday's meeting of the Bundesbank council is generally expected to be an apocalyptic affair.

Even though the Bundesbank is most unlikely to stun the world with another hike in interest rates, as it did on December 19, today will be the first opportunity for council members to vent their wrath at the steelworkers' 6.4 per cent pay

Yet two crucial elements are missing in the apocalyptic scenario which sees German interest rates staying unchanged, or even rising, before the summer. First, the Bundesbank is not implementing an incomes policy, but a monetary policy. As Hans Tietmeyer, the Buba's deputy president again made crystal clear, both on and off the record, at Davos, the behaviour of the money supply, not the behaviour of the unions, is the council's primary concern. December's rate hike was due first and foremost to alarmingly high money supply numbers. If and when M3 growth eases back towards the Buba's 5 per cent target the way for lower interest rates will be clear, even if pay settlemnts are still runing at 6 per cent plus. But how could monetary growth decelerate if the unions win such high wages? This leads to the second flaw

in the Götterdämmerung scenario.

Although wage growth has recently been faster than expected, price inflation has been lower. Inflation now looks like peaking well below 4.5 per cent in March and by July, when indirect taxes changes drop out, it may fall below 3 per cent.

High wage increases are not feeding straight through to prices partly because the economy is weakening, but also because many German companies are still enjoying ample profit margins which they can afford to trim. In 1990, the share of profits in Germany's national income had reached an all-time record. If they lose the fight to preserve their profit margins, the long-term prospects for German reconstruction will suffer; but predictions that 6 per cent pay settlements might produce a serious wage-price spiral or a deep recession are far-

Housing hopes

ctivity in the housing market often goes hand in hand with the first stirrings of economic recovery. It is hardly surprising that yesterday's statistics are being dissected with laser-like intensity in the City. On the surface there is not much to shout about.

There is however more cheer in recent, though anecdotal, evidence from the leading companies in the housing trade. This may give a more accurate picture than the historic official data, which in any case predated both the government package of measure to stimulate housing and the latest round of building society mortgage rate

BZW, the securities house, carried out a straw poll of the 27 (by definition leading) companies covered by its analysts in the last days of January and found that no less than 03 per cent reported an increase in site traffic during January compared with a year ago. Some 70 per cent see a volume increase in the market this year, 63 per cent expect an increase in in operating profits during 1992 and over half are more optimistic

than in December. It must be said that January 1991 was marred by uncertainty due to the Gulf war and that most of BZW's respondents expect no great price increases this year. But if the Budget, and or the election, contain measures to boost confidence, the better housebuilding shares are worth a

Cementing relations to beat the slump that fell like a ton of bricks

Recession has blown the roof off the building materials industry and the OFT is at the door. Martin Waller looks

at the urge to merge

iled up in stockyards across the length and breadth of Britain are enough bricks to Bristol. By pure coincidence, that is about the number of bricks housebuilders will need over the next year, which suggests at first glance that the brick-making industry, now the subject of a complex three-way corporate tussle, may as well shut up shop until 1993.

The actual state of the industry. although not quite that grim, is grim enough. The Brick Development Association believes that there is enough product already manufactured to keep the building industry as a whole going for 29 weeks, once allowance is made for the use of in non-housing

That figure is the highest in living memory. It contrasts with just four weeks' supply at the end of 1988, when the building industry was at is most recent peak. Then, total production approached 5 billion bricks a year. Mothballing of plant in the subsequent downturn has reduced that capacity to little more than 4 billion, yet still the stocks rise.

Already the number of employees in the brick industry has fallen from 12,900 in December 1987 to 10,000, and the association envis-ages another 1,000 losing their jobs by the end of this year.

Britain's cement industry, on the other hand, is the domain of just three companies. High stocks there are less of a problem than in the more fragmented brick market, as it is easier for the three to turn off the tap at source. But the British Cement Association believes that of the country's capacity of 20 million tonnes a year, about a quarter is currently unused.

As for concrete roof tiles, faced with overcapacity the plants merely cut the number of shifts worked rather than allow stocks to build up. Production has fallen by a third since the 1988 peak, but little capacity has been taken out of the

Against this background, the battle over the future of Steetley, one of building aggregates, is less about corporate control than about who will carry out the inevitable plant closures that will come this year and

Economists studying the housing market have spied so many false dawns that few are still taking bets on when demand and prices will recover. There are anything between 60,000 and 100,000 new homes already built and on the market, in addition to higher-than-normal levels of second-hand homes looking for new owners. Another 80,000 are



Building sights: Redland and Tarmac are vying for David Donne's Steetley

expected to be released on to the market this year as they are repossessed by building societies from owners behind on their mortgages. A recent study by UBS Phillips & Drew suggests there is a tidal wave of 220,000 unsold homes swamping the market, twice the number of

Housebuilding starts are inevitably back to the levels seen during the last great recession in the industry. during the early Eighties. The wellrespected National Council for Building Material Producers believes that hardly more than 160,000 homes were started last year. That figure will rise to just 182,000 this year, says the council, and even this figure is probably over-optimistic. As recently as 1988, the housebuilding starting a quarter of a million homes

annually The £580 million bid by Redland for Steetley, planned and rumoured for months and the biggest running on the stock market, was brought forward when Steetley announced its own defensive link-up with a third building materials group, Tarmac. The state of the industry is such that the announcement of the Tarmac venture, seen as good news for both companies, was accompanied by a warning from Tarmac that the housing market was worsening

and further provisions against the falling value of its land bank might be needed.

The aim was for the two to merge. their building materials interests into a joint venture which would have respectable market shares, of between 13 and 17 per cent, in clay bricks, plain roof tiles, concrete blocks, structural concrete and reconstructed stone. David Donne, Steetley's chairman, suggested that 14 less efficient plants, mostly brickworks, would close, annual cost savings would reach £10 million, and the whole venture would eventually provide a return to the heady 24 per cent operating margins of the boom years of 1988 and 1989.

he last promise was greeted. with some scepticism, not least by Redland, which saw the Tarmac deal as a "poison pill" aimed at robbing the company of its legitimate prey. As such, argued Rediand, the terms overwhelmingly favoured Tarmac, which was bringing to the marriage low margins and less attractive businesses like concrete blocks in exchange for Steetley's roofing tiles.

The Tarmac-Steetley link was certainly a defensive one, although it is arguable which was the greater ben-efit: defence from Redland, or from appalling trading conditions. The industry expected it to be followed by similar rationalisations elsewhere. Richard Miles, Steetley's chief executive, commented at the time: Somebody needed to do this. The industry needs to rationalise to re-

flect market conditions." Another attraction of the merger was that the low combined market shares seemed to raise no competition problems. The Office of Fair Trading has long cast a baleful eye over building materials, an industry which has one of the worst records of any for price-fixing and anticompetitive cartels.

Market rigging is relatively easy because most individual sectors are dominated by very few firms and the sheer bulk of the products makes importing difficult. Over the past two decades a wide spiead of duild ing materials firms have trooped in and out of the courts. Only last. month, the European Commission threatened big fines after instituting an enquiry into the European

Steetley and Tarmac have about 17 per cent of the national brick market and more than 35 per cent of clay tiles. Redland and Steetley between them have the same proportion of bricks, but the concentration of clay tiles is even higher, well in excess of 40 per cent.

Redland, because of a wise con-

centration on the German building materials market in the mid-Eight ies and a well-timed rights issue last year, is not in the same parlous financial state as the other two companies, but it badly needs to win Steetley. Its British materials interests are hardly immune from recession, and the company is not arguing too strongly over analysts' projections of £30 million in cost savings if the takeover succeeds.

Redland also has an advance corporation tax problem, with more than 70 per cent of profits earned outside Britain. A substantial Brit-ish acquisition would bring enormous tax savings, and Steetley is claimed to have some £35 million of unused ACT capacity.

rivately, Rediand has accepted that the high concentration in clay tiles could be a problem and hinted it was prepared to agree whatever sales of assets the OFT required in return for the rest of Steetley. The company had been convinced that a merger would create no further monopoly problems, in bricks for example.

All three parties, and the stock market, seem to have underestimated the extent of the authorities' distrust of the building materials firms. Sir Gordon Borrie, the outgoing director general of fair trading, has long been keen on a thorough review of the industry, and he now has his chance.

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, will learn before Valentine's Day whether he has succeeded in a plea to the European Commission. which under the Byzantine EC competition laws is ruling on the Tarmac-Steetley joint venture but not the Redland bid, to return the venture to the scrutiny of the OFT. Whether he succeeds or not, his belief that the venture "raises competition concerns within the UK for bricks and clay roofing tiles" augurs ill for Redland.

The best outcome Redland can hope for is a threat to send the bid to the monopolies commission unless the company gives the OFT assur-ances that sufficient disposals will be made. If the OFT is allowed to rule, a similar fate could await the Tarmac-Steetley joint venture.

Redland could even be asked to sell some of its brick business, and is unlikely to demur. A firm decision should come by next Thursday, when the City takeover panel next considers an extension of the bid timetable. Both links could end up with the MMC in any event, if the OFT takes a strong line.

been to kick Steetley when it was down — in fact, the bid was first timetabled for this spring, when Steetley would have been even further down and easy pickings. To everyone's surprise, the OFT has adopted the same policy towards the industry itself. The message coming from the OFT's headquarters off Chancery Lane is clear: even defensive mergers aimed at securing a company's survival will not escape the eagle eye of the regulator. This message has not been lost on other battered materials businesses.

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CITY DIARY

Sinking champers

YET more evidence of the depths into which the British economy has sunk comes from France, where export statistics show that Britain has been knocked off the top spot as the world's largest importer of champagne. Consumption fell 34 per cent last year to a miserable 14.03 million bottles. At this level, Britain has been narrowly beaten by Germany, which consumed 14.05 million bottles, according to the Comitè Interprofessionnel du Vin de Champagne (Epernay). Worse still, the Germans have the audacity to claim that the Their official champagne count, conducted by the federal statistics office no less, shows that German consumption has risen 12 per cent. The discrepancy, one hears, stems from the fact that consignments of champagne originally sent to Britain were subsequently diverted to Germany. In the end, neither Britain nor Germany are a match for the French, whose consumption in 1991 was 132.5 million bottles, almost ten times as much as in either Britain or Germany.

Fiery encounter

ANALYSTS often travel to far-flung corners of the world in the line of business. Fred Wellings, former head of research at Credit Lyonnais Laing, found himself in Venezuela, in the wake of Tuesday's failed coup attempt. Wellings, a building and construction analyst now working as a consultant to CLL, had a narrow escape while in a taxi in Caracas. As he

Soviet Greet-ings

BESET by food shortages and economic problems, the former Soviet Union has, lunged across and seized his

bizarre. "The last thing he fired was an incompetent analyst." a colleague

"Pathetic whitewash sir?"

reached into his breast pocket

for his wallet, the driver

arm, fearing he had a gun. Those in the City who know

Long memories THE last thing Boris Yeltsin needs on his official visit to Paris is a horde of French protesters demanding money from the Russian federation. That, however, is exactly what he has found. The demonstrators are all that remain of the many French investors who, along with the French state, subscribed heavily in 1917 to bonds issued by imperial Russia. Despite Lenin's repudiation of Russia's external debts in 1918, they have never given up hope of repayment, but their chances do not appear good. Yeltsin is hoping to squeeze as much financial aid out of the French government as pos-sible, and could ask it to sacrifice the French state's

bond repayment claim.

nevertheless, found time to stage an event with a Western flavour. On February 26-28, judges gather in St Peters-burg for the first Russian businesswoman of the year competition. Among the nominees will be Valerie Greet, manager of NatWest's community relations department in London, and chairman, for the past three years, of the European Association of Professional Secretaries, whose 1,500 members work for directors. In March, Greet is due to judge the European professional secretary of the year competition, sponsored by The Times.

Maxwell assets Wellings find the prospect

MORE insights into the world of the late Robert Maxwell appear in a new Sotheby's catalogue of contents of the publisher's apartment at Maxwell House. which are to be sold on February 14. The bed in the master bedroom, which has a padded serpentine headboard upholstered in red and blue, has a top estimate of £2,500. The office desk has a price tag of £400 and the tycoon's favourite armchair in black leather with a fivelegged base may fetch £100. There is even a chance to buy his baseball caps, one in-scribed "guvnor" and another "MCC", and a 2ft long, wooden model of a helicopter may go for E80-£120. There was even a little champagne left over — ten bottles of Dom Perignon 1983 and two bottles of Moet

Help to mortgage borrowers in trouble is best given by lenders

From Mr J. Ellis

Sir. Your criticism of building societies for not supporting the Money Advice Trust (Comment. February 4) is misguided. Borrowers in financial difficulty need practical help and societies can better provide that directly, rather than by funding advice from elsewhere.

The mortgage is normally the biggest debt, and only the lenders best know what temporary relief is possible, or can suspend payments, make other concessions, or extend the repayment term; they might even help spread other

debts. They can advise on DHSS help with interest payable to them.

It is understandable if lend-

ers who try to counsel customers well themselves, both before the loan and on any later problems, should baulk at also subsidising an outside agency, whose purpose they might see as more valuable in regard to lenders who could be less caring than them-

Yours faithfully, Bray, Berkshire.

Lloyd's market needs outside regulators

From MrJ.N.M. Lyons Sir. As a result of my letter of

January 24 I have received letters from your readers, asking me what they, as hardpressed names, can do in order to stop the problem of open syndicates: it is my opinion that this problem will severely increase unless drastic action can be taken.

The problems that the existing members suffer from. as we know, relate back to policies underwritten as far

The profits from these years were paid cut to the past membership, with both Lloyd's agents and the Inland Revenue receiving large cheques. In hindsight, it is now recognised that these profits were bogus, and not anywhere like sufficient reserving was allowed for the unknown losses.

I might add it was actually in the interests of both Lloyd's agents and the Inland Revenue to pay out far too much. leaving perilously small reserves. It is therefore unfair JON ASHWORTH | for the present membership

to be bankrupted due to sufficient reserving not being paid for by past names.

My answer to the various letters received is to advise these members of Lloyd's to lobby their members of parliament in order to obtain: 1) immediate government finanial assistance and 2) SIBtype regulation of Lloyd's to work much more closely and openly with the Treasury for

Yours faithfully, J.N.M. LYONS, Members' Writing Room. Lloyd's of London. One Lime Street, EC3.

Syndicates' profits From Mr A. H. B. Franklin

Sir, Some you win, some you lose. It would be interesting to know the scale of profits shared by those oft-mentioned famous names and others in Mr Outhwaite's syndicate during the good years. A coin has two sides.

Yours faithfully. A. H. B. FRANKLIN, 58 Bath Road, W4.

BUSINESS LETTERS Auditors of bankrupt companies should carry out liquidation

From Mr J. Slevin

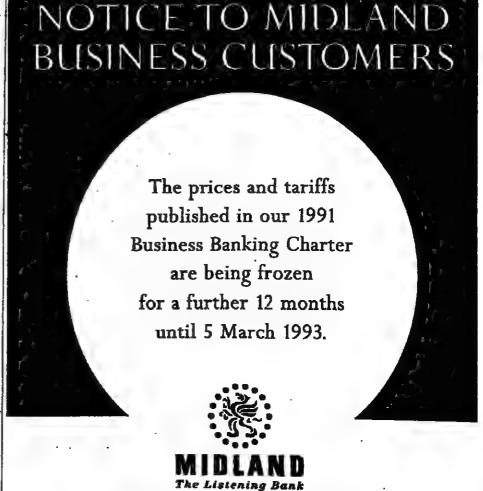
Sir, "Maxwell's ill wind blows sweetly through the City read one of your headlines (January 30). The report commented on the time spent and, by inference, the money earned, by accountants in liquidation processes. Would it

not be an idea to add a clause to the next Finance Bill stipulating that the auditors of companies in liquidation would be responsible for carrying out the liquidation process and that their fees would rank alongside unsecured

creditors? This may well pre-

vent some companies getting into trouble, but if they did, and if there were funds over, it would accelerate the winding-up process. Yours faithfully.

Brampton, Huntingdon.



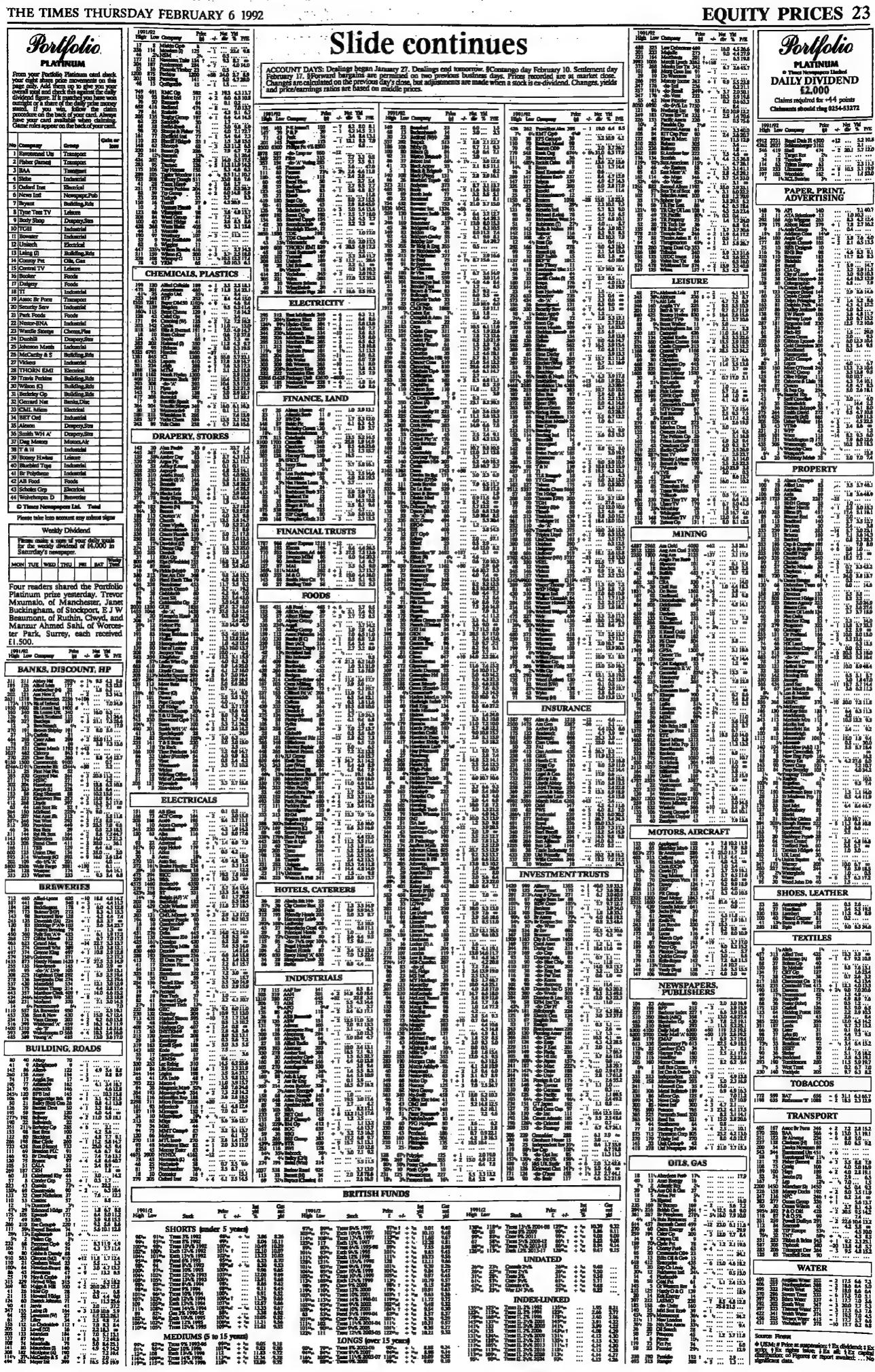
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Time to speak out: Michael Fowle thinks the public should hear more about accounts that were corrected by tough auditing

Bridging the audit gap

here is now a size-able expectation gap between what auditors do and what the public thinks they do or ought to do. The accountancy profession can either hope the gap goes away of its own accord or do something about

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As long as the recession continues there will be corporate collapses. In their wake will follow comment, both informed and uninformed, on the role of the auditor in preventing such failures. Little will be said about the tens of thousands of audit reports with which there have been no problems, nor comment about the thousands of companies whose accounts were corrected by tough auditing.

The auditing profession can do nothing to stop this adverse comment. It can do something about informing investors and the public about the role of the auditor. Better still, it can examine if that role needs to change. Maintaining a posture of silence or even defensiveness will not endear ourselves to anyone, not least the people

we work for — shareholders. This last point is most important. In the millions of column inches devoted to corporate collapses, the overwhelming impression is given that auditors work for comment. We do not. Our report is addressed to shareholders Michael Fowle calls for a much wider debate on the role and responsibilities of the auditor

and gives an independent opinion on the accounts which the directors, not the auditors, have drawn up. Audit responsibility is rooted in stewardship; have directors faithfully reported what was done with shareholders' money?

But it would be absurd to pretend that this is all that is expected in today's environment. And it would be equally vain to close our minds to ways in which these expectations might be satisfied. There are three common examples: viability, internal controls and fraud.

A set of accounts is a record of the past. What concerns shareholders apart from stewardship, and concerns others such as lenders, creditors, suppliers and regulators, is what might happen to the company in the future.

Technically, auditors do consider whether the company on which they are reporting can reasonably be regarded as a going concern, and that involves some judgment of the future. But it is a rudimentary test. A clean auguarantee of future solvency; still less does it constitute an investment recommendation. The predictive value of accounts is not simply an audit issue. We all have an interest in making financial reporting

needs to be taken in context with other, less quantifiable and more verbal, factors. A great deal of progress in financial reporting has been made. But the debate must involve everyone with a concern in this issue. The result may be an expansion of the auditor's role beyond numerical elements of reporting. An example is the proposed en-vironmental audits. Auditors

will be delighted to rise to this

more useful. But there is a

limit to the information a set

of accounts can convey. It is

only part of the story, and

econd, is it not helpful for shareholders to have more information on a company's internal financial controls? Too often, we have heard receivers state that the internal documentation and financial monitoring systems woerully inadequate. As part have said about controls would general practice at KPMG of almost any audit, the auditor be the way in which an auditor Peat Marwick

could best contribute to can rely on internal controls improvement

to generate the numbers on which he reports and he normally gets a fair idea of the state of the company's systems, as a by-product of his audit responsibility. He will comment to the management (for the company's benefit) but he does not normally do a full review of all internal controls and management information systems. By building on his existing work, it would be possible to shed more light on these areas, which would further assist or caution Last, perhaps the greatest

part of the expectation gap relates to fraud. This is an emotive and fascinating issue. But to see the audit in the simplistic terms of an oldfashioned detective story is a failure in perception on one side, and in communication on the other.

There is a broad distinction

between two types of fraud. The first is high-level fraud. perpetrated by management and usually aimed at misrepresenting the company's financial position to the outside world. The second is normally smaller in amount but probably more prevalent in number, and typically comprises defalcation by company employees. To a large extent, such smaller frauds fall within the province

Management fraud is the real issue. An auditor plans his work so as to give reasonable expectation of finding any material mis-statement in the accounts. A fraud might be one reason why mis-statement could occur. But by the very nature of management fraud, it is hard to detect. And reasonable audit procedures are no more than reasonable. Nothing in life is absolutely certain: that applies to audit tests as anything else. What has been missing is debate about the degree of certainty and the

ational discussion of this issue is not possible without recognising that the law of diminishing returns works very rapidly against you. Do shareholders think the extra cost is worth it for the relatively small number of cases - however speciacular - which remain undetected.

All this is part of the expectation gap. As auditors we must both better manage that expectation and re-examine the auditor's role. Just as we fail to tell the world about the many good and useful things we do, we also fall to take the lead in mapping the path ahead. This is something that can, and

Michael Fowle is head of

Taking a stand on standards

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BRUCE

THERE are encouraging signs that at long last the accountancy profession is capable of enforcing financial reporting rules. For years, the whole battleground between accounting standards matters and companies which wanted, well, just a bit more flexibility in interpretation and a boost to earnings per share as a result, was a disaster area.

By and large companies got away with doing much as they wished because there was neither an effective enforcement system nor a prevailing fashion for financial propriety. Now there are signs that all that has changed. And the paradox is that it has largely happened because the accountancy profession has relinquished much of its control over the system.

Last week an extraordinary thing happened. Share prices fell because a company was rapped over the knuckles for not following the relevant accounting standard.

For much of the Eighties the share price would have risen on news of such an event. The problem has always really been the lack of enforcement. Setting accounting standards was a function of the professional accounting bodies, whose work in this area was hampered by rivalries among the bodies themselves. When storms among the presidential and secretarial teacups had settled, the poor old Accounting Standards Committee, as it then was, would have to try to convince companies to follow the rules it had agreed and promulgated. If companies did not like the rules because they hit something as crucial to their pride as earnings per share, they would ignore them.

Auditors would go along with this. They would argue that they had not much choice. The people who could have done something about it, such as the Stock Exchange for example, did nothing

What was needed was a vigorous, upfront and open policing system. And so it was that yet another working party came up with the idea of an outsider to produce a report on the whole area of standard-setting. Sir Ron Dearing of The Post Office did the job and proved adept at it. His report led to the Financial Reporting Council, which he chairs, the Accounting Standards Board and, crucially for this week's news, the Review Panel. All of these bodies were to be properly funded and staffed, headquartered well away from the accountancy bodies and free of any direct influence from that quarter. And, as happens all too rarely in the accountancy world, showing a proper alle-giance to the principle of robust indepen-dence was taken as their watchword. It has paid dividends.

Of the three, the Review Panel has taken the longest to make its mark. This is understandable. It is likely to be in the most

dealing with and needs to make sure it has things right before it acts. The aim of the panel is straightforward. It has a war chest of funds. It is headed by a QC. It will go through published accounts and, when it feels that a company has ignored the rules, it can either have a quiet word in private and get the practice changed or it can issue a public challenge. And, if nothing then

changes, it can take a company to court. Last year it got down to an initial skirmish by writing to more than 320 companies pointing out that they had not fully disclosed their accounting policies. Compliance and promises of good behaviour in the future

But last week it made its boldest move. It publicly castigated both Ultramar, the oil company recently swallowed up by Lasmo, and Williams Holdings, the industrial conglomerate, for ignoring the rules. The key

point is that both of the examples were exactly the sort of thing which in the bad old days, under a well-meaning but toothless Accounting Standards Committee, appeared to happen almost weekly. Ultramar, as it has been doing for years, boosted its earnings per share by treating its advance corporation tax as a cost of dividends rather than as a tax charge. It argued, as dozens of companies have done in the past, that most of its revenue comes from overseas. This means there is only a small strictly UK tax charge against which to offset the ACT. And wasn't that unfair to the resulting earnings figure? Further, it argued that everything was disclosed and even the auditors

perennially qualified the accounts because the company ignored the rules. So wasn't that fine? To its credit the Review Panel said

In the case of Williams Holdings there was even less excuse. The company has always been farnous for being stuffed to the gills with accountants. Its own founder was quoted in a study of entrepreneurs, co-incidentally published the day after the judgment, as saying that he had made the decision to become an accountant while at nursery school.

But, as the panel pointed out, Williams Holdings had boosted its earnings per share figures by treating an exceptional item or two as though they were extraordinary and so below the line. Again there was no secret. It was all disclosed. But Williams as a result has now apologised, suffered a drop in share price, and said it would not do it again. Its poor old auditors, Pannel Kerr Forster, had not qualified their audit report and now face the beady eye of the English ICA.

Enforcement, for the moment, is proving heady, invigorating and effective stuff. ■ The author is the Associate Editor of

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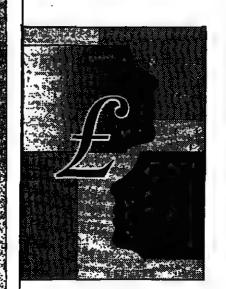
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Danaher's recall the only change to defeated XVs

By DAVID HANDS

THE reintroduction of Philip Danaher to international rugby after two years' absence is the only change made to the Ireland and Scotland teams who will meet in Dublin on February 15. In both cases, despite defeat in their opening five nations' championship matches, the selectors believe their alternatives to be

Danaher, aged 26 and captain of Garryowen, the leaders of the All-Ireland League, returns to the Irish midfield at the expense of David Curtis. As the only change to a side which, in its second championship outing, was beaten 38-9 by England, Curtis is unlucky, but if change was to be made at centre, the selectors obviously did not wish to lose the experience represented by Brendan Mullin's 44 appearances.

Curtis played in 11 successive internationals after winning his place against Wales last year. Danaher now wins his ninth cap, but only his second at centre: six came

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(Watsoniersa); A G Stringer (Hewich), S-Hastings (Mutanniersa), S R P Linux (Boroughmuin), I Tuktalo (Salakhi); C M Chatmars (Mehroen), A D Nicol (Durche-NSFP); D M E Scie (Edichung Academicals, capazin), K S Millin (Heriot's FP), A P Burnist (London Scottisti), D J Michor (Edinburgh Academicals), N G B Ed-martia (Heriotycalsa), G M Web (Nethros), I

Ciaran Fitzgerald, the Irish

coach, has not changed his

view that Ireland's set-piece

discipline against England

was good, and must be hop-

ing that the inspiration of the

Lansdowne Road crowd will

carry Ireland through the

trough.
The fact that the Scots must

play there has also weighed

on their selectors, and Dun-

can Paterson, the manager,

said, when naming an un-

changed party yesterday, that if you are going to blood new

players you do so at home. The Scots have had time to

mull over both defeat by Eng-

land and, at B level, by

France, and have concluded

that the experience of their

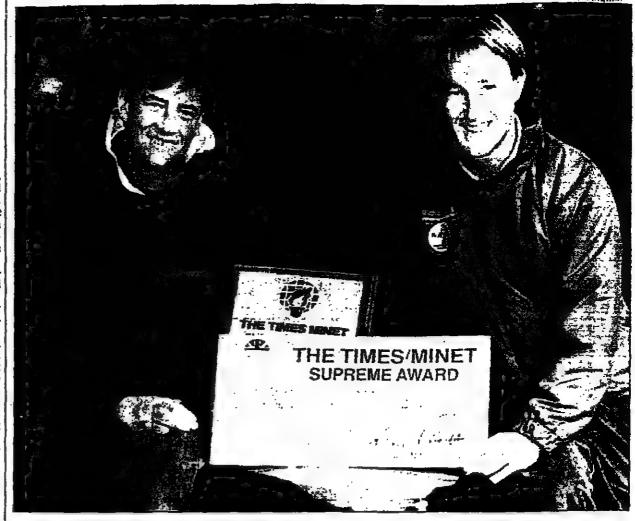
replacement wing against New Zealand three years ago. It is hoped he will bring a greater element of aggression, both in defence and attack, against the Scots.

Another London Irishman, Gary Halpin, retains the place in the front row that he won at the eleventh hour last Friday. He came in at tight-head prop instead of Des Fitzgerald, who now finds that an untimely bout of influenza keeps him out. Fitzgerald will be watched playing for De La Salle Palmerston against Monkstown on Saturday, as will Noel Mannion. for Lansdowne against Ballymena, the selectors having kept open two places among the replacements.

proved display in Ireland. Sean Lineen has recovered from the rib injury sustained against England — though he will play for Boroughmuir on Saturday to indicate his fit-ness — and will win his 24th

In making his 33rd ap-pearance, Iwan Tukalo wili equal the record for a Scottish ving, held by the late Arthur Smith. Although he has recovered from a broken jaw, Derek Turnbull, the Hawick back-row forward, has not had enough rugby to present a convincing case, while Chris Gray, the Nottingham lock, was not considered since he has only just returned to action following a nagging Achilles tendon injury.

"The new caps played very well against England," Paterson said, referring to Ian Smith, David McIvor, Neil Edwards and Andy Nicol. Two of those, McIvor and Smith, were in the back row that will have worked against the introduction of the uncapped Rob Wainwright, who has impressed in the back row both for his club and for Scotland B this



Going for gold: Brotherton, left, and Hemmings with their Times/Minet Supreme Award

Medal beckons yachtsmen

By BARRY PICKTHALL

PAUL Brotherton and Andrew Hemmings, Britain's leading 470 class Olympic yachting crew, are the latest sportsmen to win a Timesi Minet Supreme Award. The £5,000 cash award follows a string of successes at pre-Olympic events last year, culminating with a third-place finish at the world

championship in Australia. Remarkably, Rob and Paul, who are both products of the Royal Yachting Association's (RYA) successful youth training squad, teamed up only last year to race the two-man Olympic trapeze dinghy. Since then, they have chalked up a sec-ond place at the French pre-Olympic regatta at Hyeres, won the UK national championship, beating the former world champions. Nigel Buckley and Peter

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Newlands, in the process, counted a fourth place at the Spanish pre-Olympic competition of Barcelona and were first at the Cádiz

channoionship. The two are convinced that this close affinity was born from their junior days with Jim Saltonstall, the RYA youth coach. "We are both products of the RYA system, and grew up and trained under the influence of Jim, so I guess that helps us to think the same way," Brotherton said. His talents were first

spotted by Saltenstall at the national schoolboy champi-onships in 1979, where, then aged 25, finished second in a Topper dinghy. Hemmings, who is two years older, joined the squad in 1982 as a crew to Jason Belben and the pair went on to win the world youth championship in Auckland a year later. They also represented Britain in the 470 class at the last

Olympics, Brotherton admitted this week that the £5,000 Times/Minet Supreme award could not have come at a better time. The Essexbased sailmaker is presently working with Hemmings to fit out a new boat they hope will carry them through to a gold medal ister this summer. "The money has allowed us to secure the services of Chris Benedict as our full-time coach and personal assistant."

Brotherton said. "He is a dinghy designer and real perfectionist who is not allowing us to cut any corners on the boat or our personal preparations. The Times/Minet Su-

preme Awards are part of a £2 million sponsorship package from Minet — the London-based firm of international insurance brokers - to help fund Britain's preparations for the Olympic Games. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation. are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport and are likely medai con-

Superior forward power carries holders to final

By PETER BULS

THE superior forward power of St Mary's took them through to another Hospitals Cup final, where they will defend the trophy against either The London or UCH/

Mary's, winners for the last five years, enjoyed an authority which was never chalenged in a one-sided semifinal. Guy's had conceded 24 points by half-time and the holders cruised home, only their own mistakes preventing a bigger winning margin than nine tries to one.

Guy's hopes were laid bare at the first set scrums. Mary's bigger and much heavier pack shunted them back at an alarming speed.

Guy's were condemned to an afternoon of unremitting assault. The only pause came when Vaughan cut his head

BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

VICTORY in their delayed

Daily Mail under-18 north-

ern final earned Bradford GS

a semi-final tie against St

Olave's, Kent, at Castlecroft,

Wolverhampton, on March

21. The other semi-final will

and no one, ironically, could produce any strapping.

Possession flowed for Mary's and Walters, Wintle and Field profited. The strengh of Tooz-Hobson, Kelly and Vaughan on the drive was intimidating and

Guy's could rarely cope.
Kelly's pick-up from the
scrum brought him a try in each half. Wintle collected a loose ball to slip through for the first of his three tries and



Butland's failed penalty attempt brought the next try, Davies losing out beside the posts to Field, who scored.

Walter made a try for Boos. but Wintle scored the last try of the first half, and the best, a lovely outside break executed

Indeed, Mary's greater pace was overwhelming. After Butland's only penalty goal early in the second half. Torkington ran clean away from half way. Kelly scored again from close range and Walter's long run out of de-fence gave Wintle another score. Finally, Morgan ran in from 25 yards.

Worth managed Guy's only. reposte with a try created by quickly switched possession. SCORENS At Mary's: Tries: Winde (3), Kally (2), Faick, Boon, Torkington, Morgen-Curiversions: Butland (4), Penelly goel: Butland, Gury's: Try: Worth. ST MARY'S: J Watters; C Boos, A Morgen, A Fleid, R Werter, R Butland, C Wight; D Vaughen, L. O'Hera, N Hard, J Torkington, P Mitchell, P Toro-Hobson, C Langrish, S Kelly.

Brian Madderson, of

Students call up **Douglas**

By DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND make four changes, one positional, for their student international against France in Ramonville on February 14. All are in the back division, which will now have the service of Steve Douglas, the Newcastle Gosforth scrum haif, who won his England B cap last month against Spain.

It is a heavy representative weekend for England, since they have senior and B internationals in Paris on February 15, but with Steve Bates likely to play surum half for England B it has been decided Douglas would be better off playing rather than apearing among the B replace ments. The same goes for Martin Pepper, the Nottingthe students. He was also a replacement for the B international with Ireland last

Spencer Bromley has recovered from a muscle strain sustained in training and plays on the wing, allowing Andy Parton to revert to full back. However, Andy Caldwell, who damaged knee liga-ments in the 32-9 win over Scottish: Students last month. is replaced at centre by Lawrence Boyle, a success with the students on tour in Canada last summer if not flavour of the month at his chib. Leicester, at the moment.

☐ Leicester call on their wingers, Roty and Tony Un-derwood, for their Pilkington Cup fifth round clash at Waterion on Saturday. Tony comes in for only his second first-team game this season, replacing Steve Hackney.

replacing Steve Hackney.

BiGLARD STUDENTS: A Parton (Cambridge University): H Thorneycrof (Notingham Polytechnic), M Flatder (Happer Adams AC), L Boyte (Laicester Polytechnic), S Bronsey (Livepool Polytechnic); S Bronsey (Livepool Polytechnic); S Douglas (Newcastle Polytechnic); S Douglas (Newcastle Polytechnic); S Douglas (Newcastle Polytechnic); S Douglas (Newcastle Polytechnic); C Clarks (Swannese University); T Beddow (Chellenham and Groucester HE), J Mallett (Bath College), C Tarbuck (West London NE), A Milward (Codord University), A Roaw (S) Andrews (Linkwardy), M Papper (Leads Polytechnic, captain); E Peters (Cambridge University); Replacements: D C8th (Chelleng Cross/Westfrainter Medical School), K Bracker (Briss) University, A Fleide (Indistingham University), R Brazilier (Indistingham University), R Brazilier (Indistingham University), G Adams (Beth

SPORTS LETTERS

Olympic event excluded From the Secretary of the same sort of energy as the National Small-bore Rifle participant would expect to expend in the ordinary activi-

Association Sir, Can Tom Pendry (Comment, January 29), or the minister for sport, define "sport" before they try to determine a clear policy for its funding? Can they explain why the trustees of the Foundation for Santa and the Asternation dation for Sport and the Arts have chosen to adopt an interpretation of "athletic

exercise involved does not "amount to something more than the expenditure of the

Effective body From Mr G. Holmes

Sir, At the annual general meeting of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, to be held in Sheffield on February 29, a committee resolution to reduce the size of the committee to 12 members will be voted on. It is in the interest of all members of the club to vote in

The administration of the ciub is beginning to take shape to enable it to face the future with optimism. Sir Lawrence Byford is leading the club with an expense it has not known since Lord Hawke's day. Chris Hassell. as chief executive, is running the club on a day-to-day basis, and has impressed everyone with his enthusiasm and willingness to listen. Indeed, he invites suggestions.

favour of this resolution.

The next step is to transform the committee from an Lack of appeal

From Mr Norman Railton Sir. It is just conceivable that the Indian touring team were out of luck with the umpiring in their defeat in the fourth Test match in Adelaide, losing crucial wickets to controversial lbw decisions (report. January 30). But when considering the question of onesidedness by some Australian umpires, one series always comes to mind. In the seven-Test rubber

Durham's caps

between Australia and Eng-

From Mr Michael Ellis Sir. Alan Lee's comment about lan Botham and Durham (January 25) needs clarification. Although Botham may be the first current. **Durham County Cricket Club** player to represent England, several others have played for ineffectual talking shop to an effective body of 12 members with drive, initiative and business acumen, as well as a close contact with their local

cricket associations. It is essential that the committee's resolution receives the necessary twothirds majority in order to achieve this objective. Any other resolution proposed by members should be voted

I believe such proposals are being put forward to cloud the issue and retain the status quo. This is what some com-mittee men, with their eyes on self-preservation, wish to happen. If any amendment to the committee resolution should be found to be required at a later date, it can easily be achieved. Yours sincerely,

G. HOLMES, 30 The Grove, Idle, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

land in 1970-1, an England attack that included such outstanding bowlers as Snow. Willis, Illingworth and Underwood took a total of 95 wickets in 12 innings - and not one lbw appeal was

upheld:

In Test history this must be a unique example of giving batsmen the benefit of the doubt. Remarkably, England regained the Ashes. Yours faithfully, NORMAN RÁILTON, 3 Acres Close, Helmsley, York

Yours faithfully.
MICHAEL ELLIS,

Banbury, Oxfordshire.

32 Ivatt Walk.

both teams, including Park-in, Townsend, Coxon, R. T. Spooner and Milburn. Moreover, Durham CCC has been represented in international rugby union by Alan Old and Michael Weston.

Protection for the catcher

From Mr A. H. Wise Sir, Rugby has deteriorated sadly with the prevalence of the high ball or garryowen.

"Kick and rush" used to be looked upon as about the

lowest form of rugby, utilised, except in the odd instance, by players who lacked the brains to play intelligently, or alternatively those who wanted to win at any price.

It is also a bully-boy tactic, putting the full back under undue pressure in which he has to keep his eye on the ball while a hungry mob is closing on him rapidly like a tidal

This tactic could be eliminated by ruling that:
1. only the kicker is allowed to tackle the catcher;

2. the kick must go, say, from one 22 to land in the opposing 22: alternatively, from halfway to over the goalline. Either of these will give the catcher time to collect the ball and a fair chance to avoid the opposition, and start another movement. Penalty for infringement could be a scrum back to the place from which the ball was kicked, or, to act as a greater deterrent, a penalty kick.

Yours faithfully, A. H. WISE. 6 Bacon Hill Court, Hindhead, Surrey. From the Earl of Haddo

Sir. David Hands's interest-HADDO, ing article on "aerial ping-

Variable penalty From MrS. M. Williams the past few seasons woul Sir. The penalty awarded to

Liverpool during the match against Arsenal (report, late editions January 30) was typical of many in recent years a clear foul inside the box but on a player who had a remote chance of scoring or creating a scoring opportunity. In this case the incident probably changed the course of the game. Similarly there have been incidents where a probable goal has been denied by a foul, only for the subsequent penalty to be

A more equitable system of reward could be achieved by introducing two penalty spots, one at 10 yards for the latter incident and one at 15 yards for all other penalty offences. This could, of course, give rise to doubt in marginal cases, but perhaps

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pong" in rugby (January 22: followed on neatly from a piece by Gerald Davies [November 15) which pointed ou! that, if the kicker of a high ball fails to follow up his

effort, then the catcher would be able to stand still and bring the game to a complete halt until the kicker (or someone from behind him) runs upfield to make a challenge.

Considering that the average time during a game that a full back has the ball in his hands is measured in second: as opposed to minutes, this would be an unfortunate way for that average to increase.

Surely the solution must be that the only person or per sons who can tackle the either be the kicker himself or those who were behind hin when the kick was taken. Thi: would give the opportunity considerable ground withou being impeded and therefor reduce the effect of a specula tive long kick. The presen five-metre rule is killing th game for spectators.

The effect of an "up and under" would not be dimin ished because, by tradition the people who follow it u start their run from behint the kicker. This would there fore retain it as a poten attacking tactic.

Yours faithfully,

22 Beauclerc Road, W6. no more so than at presen An analysis of incidents ove

reveal scope for controversy i only a few cases. Yours sincerely, S. M. WILLIAMS, 11 St Georges Road.

Hayling Island, Hampshire

Finding a name

From Mr Peter Whiteley Sir. Football correspondents especially the television corr mentators will have a problem at the European footba championships this summe What should they call thos players previously calle "Russians", or more correct "Soviets", now that they rep resent the CIS?

Only one name springs t mind, but I would be reluc tant to call any top footballe a "Cissy". Yours etc.,

PETER WHITELEY. 29 Elm Street, Hollingwood, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

be between Mount St Mary's. who Bradford play away on February 29 in a normal school fixture, and RGS Bradford's win at Birken-

head, which deprived St Anselm's of their unbeaten record, was achieved in a magnificent match, notable for scrupulous discipline, ferocious commitment and considerable skill. It confirmed the belief of many people who are closely involved, that the best and most entertaining rugby played is

Meanwhile, the Daily Mail under-15 cup has been

Memorable win for Bradford

is running behind the date, January 26, allotted for the completion of the first round. The final will be held at Twickenham on April 4, the same day as the final of the

under-18 competition. There seems to be no end to the successes achieved by St Joseph's, Ipewich. Having been invited to play en bloc as Suffolk Schools, they duly defeated Essex Schools 15-8; one of the Essex tries was scored by a borrowed St Jo-

seph's replacement. Another unbeaten school, Dollar Academy, are still prospering and have recently added two notable wins to their already impressive col-lection. They crushed Loretto

Tonbridge, makes an inter-esting point on the subject of age qualification. "There is a 'time rip' rather than a 'time warp' for boys leaving school whose birthdays are between September 1 and December 31," he writes. "Boys who go to university or polytechnic immediately, can start student rugby with, say, England UAU or England

"The fact that the qualification dates for student and under-21 representative rugby are both September 1 and for colts, January 1 means that those boys with September I to December 31 birthdays who take a year off before further education, are not catered for except by the

"Would it not be better if qualification dates coincided

by 43-18 and, in a more competitive game, beat the fine Merchinton Castle side by 21-14. Dollar have now played 12 and won 12.

Time is right to spoke rugby's wheel game is considered of para-

> Chilcott believes that getting rid of the law that demands another scrummage if the original has wheeled by 90 degrees or more, would

> "People are wheeling the scrums now simply to spoil their opponents' advantage. But if the ball still got away there would be absolutely no point. Although the scrum is a weapon, it is really only a means of restarring a game. It should not be negative, but

> Chilcott believes the problem is most acute at club level. rather than on the interna-

tend to be better. The reason, he contends, is that referees of club games are often of an inferior standard and do not understand what is happen-

one factor in the equation,

on. No one will ever get it completely right but the present situation could be greatly improved. Referees and players should work

ties of everyday life".

Yours energetically, DENNIS KING.

Secretary, National

Woking, Surrey.

Lord Roberts House,

Bisley Camp, Brookwood,

Malcolm Cooper, a gold

medal-winner in the last

Olympic Games at Seoul,

and our current Olympic

squad members (designated athletes by the British Olym-

pic Association) would advise the trustees of their mistake.

Small-bore Rifle Association,

sport" that excludes the Olympic shooting sports on the grounds that the physical

at school level. with the start of the season; as in the case of schools' repre-

By Peter Bills

GARETH Chilcott, the Bath and former England prop forward, yesterday called for a change in the law to clear up a growing area of concern within rugby union - the

scrummage. Chilcott, who has played as both a tight and loose-head, also contended, at the risk of being accused of playing the role of poacher turned gamekeeper, that it was time for both referees and players to be more responsible. He said that far too many scrums were having to be reset, often two or three times, causing not only delay but also frustration to both players and

spectators. They brought in the law about a 90-degree wheel to speed the game up but the opposite has happened." Chilcott said. "So many of the scrums are having to be reformed because of the wheel. It is the oldest trick in the

book. If you are under pressure you wheel the scrum around to ensure you get

"But that is not necessary because back rows nowadays are generally good enough to deal with wheeled scrum ball. They could get such ball away quickly and avoid another

The need to speed up the



Chilcott: a prop's view

ment. Scrum ball delivered slowly, as was demonstrated by Wales in their international against France last weekend, allows threequarters little opportunity to break a well organised defence.

mount importance, not only

to provide greater entertain-

reduce by at least a third the number of scrums in a

at the moment it is."

ing in the scrums. Apportioning blame for a deliberate collapse is taxing for even the Forums should be staged around the country to help referees understand the problems. Chilcott believes. "It is their responsibility, it's up to them to know what is going

together.
"If referees understood the basics and took on players from the start, they wouldn't get the mucking about which goes on at present. But players have to play their part, too. There is too much

thetic, a nurse asked Jack if

there was anything worrying

him and he said "Yes. I want

some rain for Combermere at

Ascot," Elaine Walker, a

friend of Joseph's, explained

in the winner's enclosure.

"When he comes round, the

first thing he will want to

Floyd, now aged 12, is any

owner's dream. He won his

first race over hurdles in

1983, but still retains a zest

and sufficient speed to see off

Having made all the run-

ning, under Graham Brad-

ley, in the four-runner Daily

Telegraph Hurdle, David Elsworth's veteran seemed

likely to be swallowed up by

Crystal Spirit as the pair approached the final hurdle.

But the old war horse would

not be denied and held on by

as a chaser ended in rather

tame fashion when a series of

jumping errors, on ground firmer than he likes, put paid to his chances in the Reynoldstown Novices Chase, won by Danny

Jodami's unbeaten record

rivals half his age.

know is if his horse won."

in mind, it will be interesting

to see how the unbeaten

Travado fares at Huntingdon

today when he contests the

valuable Sidney Banks Me-

morial Novices Hurdle over

His trainer Nicky Hender-

son knows already that he has

the right credentials for the

Trafalgar House Supreme

Novices' Hurdle over two

miles because that has been

the distance over which he

has won his three races, all at .

Today's race will show

two-and-a-half miles.

MANDARIN

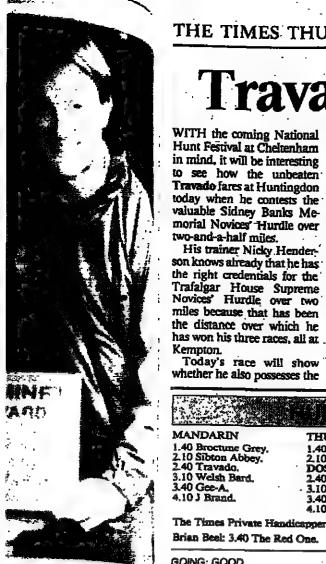
2.40 Travado.

3.40 Gee-A.

3.10 Welsh Bard

.40 Broctune Grey. .10 Sibton Abbey.

Brian Beel: 3.40 The Red One.



1.40 GLATTON CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,759; 2m 4f) (19 runners) 1 00320/ GLATTON CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,758: 2m 4f) (19 runi 1 00320/ GLEN FINTAIG 898 (D Furlong) A Belley 7-12-0 2 80-PP HORIN PLAYER 71 (P Cooper) F Jordan 5-11-10 3 313F23 ISABEAU 20 (V.F.G) (T Pryke) K Morgan 5-11-0 4 14P-840 ANOTHER BOLUS 20 (B.G.S) (J Suzmer) Mrs I Movio 10-11-7 5 5 53-231 BROCTUNE GREY 28 (D.F.S) (O Playforth) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-7 6 6-45323 ANORELOT 28 (B.G) (Mrs E Hitchins) K White 5-11-8 7 P-0 ARAGANT MAN 34 (G Yatee) 8 Stevens 5-11-6 8 P-00506 TALUS 22 (F) (J & D Contract Cleaners Ltd.) J Booley 8-11-8 1 900156 PINECONE PETER 281F (F.S) (P Macdam) O Brennen 8-11-2 255-003 FORT WAPPING 17 (B.D.F.S) (J Denver) A Moore 8-11-0 13 86/P40-5 NO CREDIBILITY 184 (G) (M Stewart) B Richmond 10-11-0 15 11/81-0 SAND CASTLE 10 (CD.F.G) (Health Dynamics Ltd.) P Howing 11-11 0-17 186/315 WHAT IF 38 (F.G) (B Cultury) O Brennen 8-10-19 198656 S SPROUTING VERTIFICE 26 (G) (Miles D Mynett) R Curtis 5-10-9 19 0002 8HOWACA &F (B Lestherday) R Marvin 4-10-7 Andreiot, 10-1 Pinece 10-14 (CD.F.G) (Health Dynamics Ltd.) P Howing 11-11 0002 8HOWACA &F (B Lestherday) R Marvin 4-10-7 Andreiot, 10-1 Pinece 10-14 (CD.F.G) (Health Dynamics Ltd.) P Howing 11-11 (CD.F.G) (Health Dynamics Ltd chtsmen

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MANDARIN 1.30 Pharty Story.

TRAINERS

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2.00 Rouyan.
2.30 Woodland Flower.
3.00 Toby Tobias.
3.30 Society Guest.
4.00 SOME OBLIGATION (nap). 4.30 Greyfriars Bobby.

2.00 Rouyan. 2.30 Just A Second. 3.00 Toby Tobias.
3.30 The Slater.
4.00 Some Obligation.

1.30 Vasiliev.

RICHARD EVANS

3.30 Society Guest.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Celtic Leisure.

GOING: GOOD

1.30 FOVANT NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,458: 2m) (11 runners)

6140 MADRAJ 40 (D.F) (P Slede) R Beter 11-4.
PLYING SPEED 117F (F Barr) M Pipe 10-12.
P0 GRUNDONIAN 22 (S Grundon (Weste) Lid) C Horgan 10-12.
P1 GOLD GLORY 41 (M Saunders) M Searchders 10-12.
PARIS OF TROY 118F (M Christoff) N Twiston-Device 10-12.
PHARLY STORY 88 (BF) (A Lornes) M Ppe 10-12.
S SAN LORENZO 19 (B) (J Greg) K Sezey 10-12.
GO STATAJACK 63 (B) (Mrs M Slede) D Esworth 10-12. C Liewellyn 23 VASILIEV 25 (BF) (M Morrison) R Hannon 10-12.
P526 GLEN FINNAN 24 (Bar Equipment and Refrigeration) J Fox 10-7.
R ORBA GOLD 27F (B) (Mrs M Well) R Manning 10-7.

BETTING: 9-4 Vasitiev, 7-2 Pharty Story. 4-1 San Lorenzo, 6-1 Flying Speed, 8-1 Statelack, 10-1 Madraj, 1991: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST

2.00 WINCANTON CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (£2,563. 3m 1f) (16 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Cache Flaur. 7-2 Sabalu River, 4-1 Rouyan, 7-1 Cherryhill Beauty, 8-1 Mr Diplomatic,

2.30 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES

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1 6-00333 A	ALLYFAIR 14 (BF) (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 7-10-7	91
1 0.42052 4	Libra Val / EV 24 (Alber P. Swire) († Philaing D-107)	92
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4 6-0 5	SELMOREVIXEN 47 (Mrs A Hartnett) R O'Sullivan 6-10-7	
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12 DOG_000 V	MOODODADE I ASS 30 (Woodwade Ltd) N Avidta 6-10-7 P Davies (/)	
14 POLISON V	WOODLAND FLOWER 309 (Mrs. J Dioben) O Sherwood 7-10-7	96 j
14 1.00000- 1	AL DA	
BETTING, 3-1 A	mna Valley, 7-2 Allyfax, 5-1 Will She Wont She, 6-1 Morpion, 8-1 Belmorevixen, 10-1 Dube	

Travado to offer festival pointer requisite starnina necessary for the longer Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle, his alterna-

tive festival engagement.
A study of his pedigree and style of racing indicates that he should not fail on that count, and he is my choice now that the hard core of his opposition comprises only Ambrose, Needwood Sprite

and Sendai. The Croxton Novices' Chase can go to Welsh Bard, an above average hurdler who finally got his act together over fences at Wolverhampton last time when he beat the subsequent Lingfield whether he also possesses the winner Liadett.

THUNDERER

1.40 Broctune Grey

DOSE (nap). 2.40 Travado. 3.10 Gospel Rock.

3.40 The Red One, 4.10 Front Page.

BETTING: 5-4 Broctune Grey, 4-1 isabesu, 5-1 What If, 7-1 Andreict, 10-1 Pinecone Peter, 12-1 Sto 14-1 Fort Wapping, Another Bolus, 20-1 others.

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FORM FOCUS

GLEN PINTAIG 161 2nd of 12 to General Tinker in Notingham (2m, heavy) novice bandicap hurdle on perultimate start. ISABEAU 23 3nd of 10 to Hugh in Kempton (3m, good to firm) handicap hurdle with ANOTHER BOLUS 331 9th.

BROCTUNE GREY best Couper 6 in 11-tunate Edinburgh (2m 4f, good to soft) chaming hurdle. PINE-COME PETER best Bold Street Blues 11 in 13-

FORM FOCUS

ANOTHER SCHEDULE 11/61 2nd of 4 to Ebony Swell in Nothingham (3m, good) handleap chase. REPEAT THE DOSE 42/3rd of 8 to Remittance Men in grade 1 Galloway Brase Novices' Chase of Kampton (2m 4f, good). REVER SCUNTY 27/41 (ind of 14 to Marker Resen (3m, good) novices in Marker Resen (3m, good) novice bradices in With MOUNTEEPOR (6th better off) 25/3rd. BEETER (4th better off) 25/3r

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Winners Rungers Percent JOCKEYS

2.10 WHITTLESEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,183; 3m) (16 runners)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 J BRAND.

210 REPEAT THE

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Broctune Grey should be capable of winning the Glatton Claiming Hurdle having won a similar race in style at Edinburgh last

The in-form J Brand still features on a handy mark for the Long Stanton Handicap Hurdle following successive victories at Fontwell.

RICHARD EVANS

3.10 GOSPEL ROCK

B Delton (7) 82

Harvey. — P Niven • 99

D Galagher
M Stevens (7)
M Booley
M Brennen
S J O'Nell

Chepstow and Lingfield. Otherwise, the programme should be notable for a Geoff Hubbard-Ferdie Murphy! Hurdle.

bey (2.10) and Gee-A (3.40). Instead of taking on the latter, John Upson has sent

Some Obligation to Wincanton where he is napped to win the Dick Woodhouse Hunters' Chase. Having won at Leicester. Ludlow and Huntingdon last -season, he looks the right sort to follow in races of this

Since Vasiliev petered out rather tamely at Ascot last time after showing so much promise at Newbury previously. Pharty. Story is pre-ferred for the Fovant Novices'

namre

four-year-old is fully recovered from the pulled muscle in his quarters which contributed to his defeat at Cheltenham in November when he was odds-on to make a winning jumping debut after

winning twice on the Flat at

While Cache Fleur, another fancied runner from Martin Pipe's stable, should also go well in the Wincanton Challenge Cup for novice chasers, I prefer Jenny Pitman's Rouyan, who was good enough to win the valuable Tote Jackpot Hurdle at Sandown last season.

2.40 SIDNEY BANKS MEMORIAL NOVICES HURDLE	
(26,190: 2m 4f) (9-runners)	
1 1-(1 TRAVADO 42 (8,5) (Are M Ennever) N Henderson 6-11-8	
2 01F82 JINSA 10 (3) (Lady Herries 7-11-4 H Davies 86	
3' 3-3640 MAN OF THE GRANGE 33 (R Marshall) O Brennan 6-11-4 M Brennan 67	,
4 PAR ANON 1008F (A Denson) A Denson 7-11-4 L Harvey -	
5 0P3/4 ST-ATHANS LAD 16 (Geyer Estates Ltd. (St Athena Hotel)) R Curtis 7-11-4 D Morris 56	i
6 SU-1154 AMBROSE 26 (F.G) (Mrs G J Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 5-11-2 Mr G J Houghton ● 99	i
7 34-1731 NEEDWOOD SPRITE 33 (V,F,G) (T Leachbester) 8 Morgan 6-10-13 A Stronge 81	i
a 4-111 SENDAI 30 (C.D.F.G.S) (Mrs M Tutnell) J Gifford 6-10-13	į
GLASSIC ACCOUNT 183F (E Reitel) J Akehurst 4-10-5	

· FORM FOCUS

TRAYADO beat Royal Sait 31/41 at Kempton (2m, good to firm). NEEDWOOD SPRITE beat Train Rob good) with AMBROSE (Sib better off) 31 5th, JRNGA ber 41 at Sandown (2m St 75yd, good to firm). SEN DAI beat Niorabi 1/41 at 8 to Roegil at Ascot (2m, Selection: TRAYADO (nap) 3.10 CROXTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,104:2m 200yd) (13 runners)

■ I U CROXTON NOVICES CHASE (\$2,104:2m 200yd) (13 ru

1 \$3013-1 GOSPEL ROCK 25 (D.F.S) (Lord Zalland) P Carler B-11-10...

2 6030/14 HOLTERMANN 17 (D.F) (* 6.7 Ass) Mrs. L Clay 8-11-10...

3 0-44F41 WELSH BARD \$1 (D.G.S) (Mrs. G. Abecausts) C Brooks 8-11-10...

4 P02010- AL SHAMEKH 377 (B.S) (# Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 9-11-3...

5 F35-10P AL SHAMEKH 377 (B.S) (# Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 9-11-3...

4 15-6202 BOSTON ROVER 19 (F) (J Blott) O Brennan 7-11-3...

7 000-6 ENSHARP 19 (Mrs. J Golfangs) J Leigh 6-11-3...

8 800P/ MR-PAW 1423 (5 Hubbard) F Murphy 9-11-3...

9 P/PP80 MLTARID 8 (F) (V Boofle) K Morgan 7-11-3...

10 U403/2P- PARHAM 502 (6 Hubbard) F Murphy 9-11-3...

12 58(3P03- WITHOUT A DOUBT 402 (S) (T Tate) T Tota 10-11-3...

13 P-32232 PACIFIC GEM. 18 (Mrs. S MicGerlei) Roundstone. 61 Without A H Garrity
J Clarks (7)
H Brennan
R Marley
B Murphy (7)
A 8 Smith
P Huber (7)
P P Her (7)

BETTING: 13-6 Welch Berd, 7-2 Gospel Rock, 6-1 Pick Roundstone, 6-1 Without A Doubt, 8-1 Holle . FORM FOCUS

GOSPEL ROCK best Just Frankle 121 at Newcastle (2m) with ENSHARP 181 8th. PICK (2m) WELSH BARD best Lisatett (1 st Wolverhamp-ton (2m, good).

GOSPEL ROCK best Just Frankle 121 at Newcastle (2m) with ENSHARP 181 8th. PICK ROUNDSTONE 101 2nd to Alkinor Rox at Lingfield (2m) with HOLTERMANN (seme terms) 2M1 4th. BOSTON ROVER 1/M1 2nd of 12 to Peenuts Pat at Selection; WELSH BARD

3.40 major charles townsend memorial hunters chase (Amateura: £1,235: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 The Red One, 11-4 Bartres, 7-2 Gee-A, 6-1 Double Turn, 8-1 Lawley, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE TURN 20 2nd of 3 to The Argeneut at Fatonism (2m 50, GES-A 1074) 3nd to Guiburn's Representation (2m 50, GES-A 1074) 3nd to Guiburn's Representation of the South R

4.10 LONG STANTON HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,355; 2m 100yd) (19 runners)

2 221401 PIVE LAMPS 19 (D.G.S) (Nor C Holder) R Dietien 19:11-2 D Meredith (7)
3 436012/ AFFAIRE DE COEUR 781 (CD.F) (Min D Hunnlett) J Pitch-Heyes 8-10-13 D Gasaginer
4 0-63430 EARLY BREEZE 22 (D.F) (Min D Hunnlett) J Pitch-Heyes 8-10-13 D Gasaginer
5 /8-2040 THE YOMPER 20 (D.G.S) (M Ribey) R Curis 10-10-13 D Morris
6 116/F6 AVEC COEUR 16 (CD.G.S) (M Weodward) R Marvin 10-10-13 D Morris
7 :2243-52 EMERALD GIBH 16 (BF-S) (R Marvins) D Brennen 6-10-11 M Brennen
8 00512P- High CHATEAU 378 (F) (M Libry) J Spearing 8-10-10 R Durwoodly
9 01-6905 ALOSAEL 8 (D.G.) (J Marvins) B Stevens 8-10-6 M Stevens (7)
10 F16-4-PF DISNEYLAND 77 (D.F) (Min S Robine) Mrs J Pitmen 8-10-6 D Sigme
11 22/553 DRUSO 16 (S Part) R Marvin 8-10-1 B Stevens 8-10-8 D Sigme
12 122/553 DRUSO 16 (S Part) R Marvin 8-10-1 See McGacom
14 602111 J BRAND 6 (D.G.S) (Miss B Brooks) J Moore 5-10-0 (Sec) W McFarland 6
16 303/0-45 HOT COMPANY 20 (D.G.) (Attwood/Futney/Tebbernot/Ward) P Beven 7-10-0 R Stronge
17 001-P45 LAABAS 22 (D.G.) (J Nicholson) J Long 9-10-0 R Roberts
18 0-25445 PANT LLIN 37 (B.D.F) (D Merin) P J Minche 7-10-0 J Ryme (3)
Long handlespe J Brand 9-13, Hot Company 9-11, Lyph 9-10, Lasbes 9-10, Part Llin 9-5, Run Free 9-4,

Long handlease J Brand 9-13, Hot Company 9-11, Lyph 9-10, Lashes 9-10, Pant Llin 9-8, Run Free 9-4, BETTING: 9-4 J Brand, 9-2 Front Page, 11-2 Rive Lamps, 13-2 Emerald Gem, 8-1 Lyph, 10-1 Pinets. FORM FOCUS

PINATA best Boston Rover 144 at Strationd (2m, good) on resposerance, FIVE LAMPS best EMER-ALD GEM (2h better off) nt at Nottingham (2m, good) with DRUSO (3h better off) 7h 3rd and AVIIC Catterick (2m, good). Strate off) 6th.

ALD SAIL 13 5th of 16 to Kibnest at Windsor (2m, good) with LABAS (1h better off) 7h and and AVIIC Catterick (2m, good). With LABAS (1h better off) 7h and EARLY BRIEZE 9th.

3.00 RACING IN WESSEX CHASE (£4,290: 2m 6f) (3 runners)

SEITING: 4-11 Toby Tobias, 7-2 Star's Delight, 8-1 General Merchant. 3.30 GILLINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,005: 2m) (12 runners)

Long handicap: Three Lakes 9-13, Bold Choke 9-13.

BETTING: 5-2 Society Guest, 3-1 The Sieter, 5-1 Policok, 6-1 Hate High, 6-1 Lawnswood Junior, 10-1 Three Lakes, 12-1 Final Sound, 16-1 others.

4.00 DICK WOODHOUSE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,618: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

BETTING: 11-10 Some Obligation. 3-1 Cettis Leisure, 8-1 Travisiown, 7-7 Weilmown Character, 8-1 Dictatorship, 10-1 Brightner, 12-1 Willowson, 16-1 others.

4.30 BOURTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,695; 2m) (12 runners): 67

BETTING: 3-1 Warner Forpleasure, 7-2 Greyfrians Bobby, 4-1 Landyap, 6-1 Loch Duich, 8-1 Jagged Edge, Tearful Prince, 10-1 Party Boy, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS Runners Percent JOCKEYS 53 34.0 M Primen 94 30.9 P Scudemon 45 22.2 J Oeborne 114 20.2 B Catford 61 13.5 N Mann 45 13.3 J Front

TRAINERS

Mrs J Pitrago M Pipe O Sherwood D Beworth T Poster N Handason

☐ Ladbrokes laid Carvill's Hill to lose | Sun Alliance Chase. They be: 5-1 £100,000 for the Grand National Minnehoma, Mutare, 7-1 General yesterday, and Martin Pipe's chaser ldea, 10-1 Bradbury Star, King's has been cut from 12-1 to 10-1. The same firm has opened betting on the Harrold, Black Moccasin.

39.3 33.8 17.0 15.8 14.8 13.9

Twin Oaks may switch to Irish National

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

TWIN Oaks, 10-1 favourite with some bookmakers for the Martell Grand National, may miss the race. Gordon Richards, trainer of the 12-

year-old, disclosed yesterday. "John Moreton, the owner, has told me he is not happy with the horse's weight for Aintree and thinks he has

been treated harshly. "He has instructed me to enter him for the Irish National where the owner feels Twin Oaks will be more leniently handicapped. No decision on Aintree will be taken until the publication of the Irish National weights,"

11st 4lb for the Aintree race, only 10lb less than that given to Carvill's Hill.

£117,000.

ey. None was more deserving

Joseph, aged 72, was un-

Richards said. Twin Oaks was allotted

The absence of runners at Ascot yesterday came close to making racing a laughing stock. Only 25 horses competed for prize-money totalling

The paucity of runners at the Berkshire course meant that the owners of every horse, except Bigsun. Pendennis and One More Knight, collected prize-mon-

than Jack Joseph. Combernere won the day's £36,000 added feature race. the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase, to provide one of racing's keenest owners with a welcome win - and muchneeded tonic.

dergoing a hip replacement operation in a west London hospital as Peter Scudamore forced Combermere's head in front on the line in a thrilling finish to the three-mile chase.

"Before he had his anaes-

Bradley: thrilling

Approval imminent for jockeys' logos

THE Jockey Club is set to approve radical proposals allowing jockeys to wear advertisements on their breeches and boots.

Plans put forward by the Jockeys' Association await the final seal of approval on The proposed scheme is understood to distribute rev-

ual sponsorship.

4.20 Mrs Jawleylord.

4.20 Mts Jawleyford

(£1,435: 2m 2f) (6)

(£1,304: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

THUNDERER

enue among various sections of the industry, rather than just among jockeys. And top riders are not expected to be allowed to negotiate individany changes by requesting

1.50 Fact Or Fiction, 2.20 Young Fact 2.50 Lusty Lad. 3.20 Master Dancer, 3.50 Line Drummer.

1.50 BLACKWOOD NOVICES HURDLE

4-5 Fact Or Fiction, 3-1 Texas Clamour, 5-1 Monkecombe, 2.20 PELLEW CLAIMING HURDLE

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3 1880 GAROLES CLOWN 7 (CD) M Haynes 6-11-6. I Shoemark

4 3413 GALLANT EFFORT 21 (C) 8 Dow 4-10-12 A Dicken (7) 5 0003 AWAY FROM REALITY 77 Mrs J Pitmen 4-10-9... 8 20 ICE ICE BABY 14 T Neughton 4-10-2... 5-2 Young Fact, 3-1 Gallent Effort, 7-2 Caroles Clown, 9-2 Salior Boy, 8-1 Away From Reality, 14-1 los los Baby.

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2 1315 LUSTY LAD 28 (CD,F,G) M Haynes 7-11-11.

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4 2132 RULING DYNASTY 30 (B,D,F,G,S) M Usher B-13

3.20 COLLINGWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE

2.50 JERVIS HANDICAP HURDLE

deep and with the levy in dispute, racing's rulers are anxious to increase ways of funding the sport.

The scheme has already gained the support of the Horseracing Advisory Coun-cil, and the Jockey Club is expected to follow suit. It is likely to be implemented by mid-summer at the latest. The National Trainers' Federation is likely to exploit

the use of sponsors' logos on

horse rugs.

Bravefoot at Clonmel

makes his hurdling debut at Clonmel today (Richard Evans writes).
The former Dick Hern-trained son of Dancing Brave was bought for 19,000 guineas at the Newmarket Sales

BRAVEFOOT, who was doped at Doncaster in 1990,

"The horse is very well and jumps nicely, but will need the run badly," the trainer said yesterday.

Bravefoot finished last in

and is now with Homer Scott.

the Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes in September 1990, after being nobbled.

1.50 Fact Or Fiction. 2.20 Young Fact. 2.50 Knights. 3.20 Master Dancer. 3.50 Line Drummer. 5-2 Mester Dancer, 7-2 Aberloyle, 4-1 Brun: Norstock, 7-1 Lirie Lad, 14-1 Albury Grey.

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7-1 Takes Two, 8-1 Dark late, 18-1 King's Shiffing, 18-1 others.

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2-1 Mrs Jawleyford, 8-1 Anchewa Minstret, 7-2 Upham Closs, 9-2 Iron Miss, 12-1 Lily of Picardy, 16-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS: M McCourt, 7 winners from 11 runners, 53.6%; S Dow, 12 from 25, 48.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 6 from 13, 48.2%; J Sutchtite, 4 from 9, 44.4%; T Thomson Jones, 7 from 16, 43.8%; Miss B Sanders, 17 from 48, 37.0%.

JOCKEYS: A Dicker, 9 winners from 15 rides, 60.0%; 8 Donoboe, 5 from 16, 31.3%; A Maguire, 6 from 23, 28, 1%; 8 Kelghtley, 4 from 34, 11.8%; I Shoemark, 5 from 51, 9.8%. Only qualifiers. 1 1021 MASTER DANCER 7 (C,Q,8) T'Thomson Jones 5-12-4

(£1,609: 2m 4f) (6)

Going: good to firm 1.30 (2m hdla) 1, SONG OF SDOPENCE (J Frost, 1-5 lav); 2, Mr Jamborse (D Murphy, 9-2); 3, Lucky Blue (A Tory, 40-1), 3 ran, 10, 201. Bedding at Kingaciera. Tota: £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.31.

2.00 (2m ch) 1, YOUNG POKEY (J. Osborne, 5-4 fav); 2, Tinrytand (R. Durwoody, 7-1); 3, Ambassador (R. Scudamora, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Midfielder (4th). 4 ran. 2, 15t, O Sherwood at Upper Lambown. Tota: £1.80. DF: £6.00. CSF: £7.57.

2.20 (3m holis) 1, FLOYD (G Bradley, 4-1). 2, Crystal Spirit (J Frost, 7-2); 3, Super Sense (D Marphy, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 8-4 tav Upton Pack (4th). 4 ran. Ns., 122, 7t. D Elsworth at Whitabury, Tote: £4.10, DF: £5.40, CSF: £14.78, C.05 (3m ch) 1. COMBERMERE (P. Scudamore, 11-4): 2. Rowlandsons Jewels (G. Bradley, 10-1); 3. Gold Haven (A. Tory, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Pendenna (f). 9. Foyle Fisherman (4th), 12. Bigsun (5th), 6 ran. Sh.hd., 2. dist, 25i, R. Frost at Bucktastleigh. Tote: 23.10; 21.80, 22.30. DF: 215.40, CSF: 228.90.

3.35 (Sm ch) 1, DANNY HARROLD (M Pitman, 2-1): 2, Jodami (P A Famel, 8-13 tav); 3, Major inquiry (G Bradley, 8-1). 3 rgn. 15, dist. Mrs. J. Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tota: \$2.70, DF: \$1.50. CSF: \$23.38.

4.05 (2m 4f hdie) 1, MAYFAIR MINK (M McGonagie, 94 fav); 2, Apollo King (A Maguire, 4-1); 3, Beasu Pari (P Hide, 9-1). ALSO, RAN; 3 One More Knight (f), Carbonate (4th). 5 ran. 9, 151, 1141. 5 Christian at Savern Stoke. Tota: £3.50; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £8.70. CSF: £10.52 Jackpot: 2855.20. Placepot: £320.80.

Ludlow Going: good (good to firm in places) Comp.; good go ten in pasces) 1.50 (2m hdls) 1, May Square (5 McNell, 7-2 (f-lav); 2, Henley Regarts (7-2 (f-lav); 3, Jam's Wish (8-2), 13 mn. NR: Dyd. Hd. 1½t. K Balley, Tote; £18.30; £3.50, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £53.70. CSF: £18.54

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2.50 (3m ch) 1, Boom Time (J White, 8-1, Thunderer's nap); 2, Raba Ribe (20-1); 3, Smartie Express (9-1); 4, Portonis (8-1) The City Mineral 3 fav. 18 ran, 154; 2, N Henderson, Tote: £12.70; £2.50, £3.00, £1.70, £1.70, DF: £92.90, CSF- £157.85 Tricast: £1,522.02. 3.20 (3m ch) 1. Beau Rose (Mr M Armytage, 7-1); 2. Baluchi (11.4 Fav); 3. Good Waters (12-1). 10 man. 10, 6i. C Triedhe. Tote: E7 90; 53 00, 52.00, 55.00. DF: \$15.80. CSF: \$24.52.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Counterbid (N Williamson, 7-2 ji-fsv); 2, Sterling Buck (10-1); 3, Joto (10-1). Secret Liason 7-2 ji-fsv 16 ran. NR: Christmas Hots, Supreme Rock. 20, 44. J Edwarda, Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £10.90, CSF: £37.58.

4.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Lake Mission (A S Smith, 11-2); 2, Errant Kright (13-8 lay); 3, Pealade (5-1). 12 ran. NF: Cliff's Knight 3H, 30t S Sherwood. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £7.50. CSF: £14.05. 4.50 (2m 5f hdis) 1, Fairways On Target (P Niven, 2-1 tav); 2, Emperors Warnior (6-1); 3, Albertito (8-1); 4, Sally's Cove (10-1), 17 ran, 7, 2, Mrs G Reveley, Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £3.40, £2.50, £1.40.- DF: £13.30 CSF-£19.72, Tricast: £107.05.

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Ahem, 9-4); 2, Hit Street (6-5 fav); 3,
Dancing Deya (5-1), 5 ran. 15i, 25i, J
Jenkins. Tote: 22.60; 21-10, 21.30. DF:
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Deyer, 100-30 fav); 2, Gronoles (9-1); 3,
Dancing Legend (6-1), 13 ran. NR: Sphilms.
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4.45 (2m 6f holle) 1, Surefoot Siliars (M Breman, 5-1); 2, Full Monty (6-4 fav); 3, Holt Place (9-2), 10 ran. 10, 81 0 Breman, Tote: 25.80; 21.30, 21.70, 52.30. DF: 28.80. CSF: \$16.48. Tricast. £50.84.
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IOC votes for move to broaden membership

FROM DAVID MILLER IN COURCHEVEL

A RADICAL change in membership of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was approved at the session here yesterday by 79 votes to nil, with five abstentions. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president. was given significant support for the proposal to entitle the president to appoint up to two discretionary members, irrespective of nationality

The IOC thereby took a further step, in my opinion. in modernising its outlook and adapting to its position as a multi-national corporation as much as a private

Although at the heart of a democratic debate, during which nearly 30 members spoke from the floor, lay the figure of Primo Nebiolo, a substantial majority of members made their decision on the question of principle rather than any

personality.
Although it is likely that Samaranch will nominate Nebiolo, the president of international athletics, as the first of his discretionary members some time before the summer Games in Barcelona, there is now the opportunity for Samaranch or

experience, knowledge or official position in sport but who would otherwise be exduded; either by their country already having the regulation one or two members, or because they failed to win the approval of the existing members as nat-

For example, should Samaranch consider that Jean-Claude Killy, the joint president of the organising comminee at Albertville and former triple gold medal winner, was important to the Olympic movement, Killy could be nominated even though France aiready has two members. Maurice Herzog and Philippe

Similarly, if Peter Ueberroth, the commercial mastermind of the Games in Los Angeles, who has twice been passed over as US member, does not fill the vacancy created by the recent enforced resignation of Robert Helmick, he could

The five abstentions were by the Princess Royal, Mary Glen-Haig, Anita DeFranta (US), Pirjo Haggman (Fin-land) and Philipp von Schoeller (Austria). The îrony of the mute opposition of the two British members is that the amended charter could enable Samaranch to nominate Sebastian Coe, even if, as is possible, Coe's



she retires next year were resisted in Britain.

The condition of the privilege now granted to the IOC president is that the nominees will have the normal rights of voting members. but if elected as holder of another elected position, will retire with the termination of that position; otherwise at the regular age of 75. Nominees will continue in office even there is a change of IOC president.

Two of the more persuading speeches came from Keba M'baye of Senegal, a vice president, and Richard Pound of Canada, both potential successors to Samaranch.

There were, of course, some old fashioned doubters, those, in addition to the abstainers, concerned about the IOC losing its traditional independence. Herzog, who had presented to the new Olympic museum at the opening ceremony of the session on Tuesday the ice pick with which he conquered Annapuma in 1950, said: "I was in two minds, but I believe in supporting the president. The wording of the proposed change was not as clear as it might have been." This echoed the opinion of the Princess Royal and Anita DeFrantz. "I have every confidence in the president," DeFrantz said afterwards. "but I am worned about the position in which he may be placing himself or

Newer members such as Denis Oswald, the president of rowing, Thomas Bach, the German fencing gold medal winner, and Tay Wilson, of New Zealand, all agreed that any doubts were overruled by acceptance of

With the probable nomi-nation of Nebiolo, it must be expected that a number of controversies with which the IOC has been confronted by the International Amateur Athletic Association Federation (IAAF) will now subside; most important of all, the IAAF's vicissitudes over recognition of South Africa Games. The IOC will still be sending a second delegation



Men at work: sweepers were yesterday clearing the finish area for the men's Alpine races at Val d'Isère

CRICKET

A decisive innings by Kirsten

Harare: South Africa beat Zimbabwe by four wickets not only a warm-up game for both teams for the forthcoming World Cup but also the first representative match be-

Peter Kirsten, the former Derbyshire batsman, who was left out of the World Cup squad and then reinstated, was the top scorer with 64 as South Africa got home with four balls to spare, making 171 for six in 49.2 overs after bowling out Zimbabwe for

The Zimbabwe batsmen had trouble handling the fast bowling of Alian Donald on a. pitch at the Harare sports club which gave him ample assistance. He took three for 29 in his ten overs and none of the home players reached

30, extras being the top score. Kirsten and Hansie Cronje, who made 47, put on 99 for the third wicket for South Africa, whose captain. Kepler Wessels, said: "We just paced it very well. We are a bit rusty at the moment but obviously. as we play more matches we

The match was played before a mainly white crowd of about 8.000, many toasting the occasion as marking the Start of a new era for the game

in both countries. Rhodesia, the name of Zimbabwe before independence. played in the leading South African competition, the Cur-rie Cup, and Rhodesians won Springbok caps. But sporting sanctions against South Africa were rigorously enforced until the recent relaxation. (Agencies)

SCORES: Zimbebwe 170 (49.3 overs); South Africa 171-6 (49.2 overs) (P Kimber 64, H Cronje 47).

Whitney tops the hit parade as India crumble to defeat

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK

AUSTRALIA may have been fortunate to get away with a draw in the third Test match in Sydney and lucky to win the fourth in Adelaide but there was no doubting their superiority in the fifth, which they took here by 300 runs yesterday. After an opening partnership of 82 between Sidhu and Srikkanth had given promise of an extended battle, India were bowled out for 141.

For them, there could hard ly have been a sadder end to their tour than to lose all their wickers in a mere 22 overs. In doing so, they played some rather inglorious strokes. But many sides have been hustled into doing that at Perth. England, for one, were beaten

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ALSO BOWLED: P R Reithal 28-7-80-2; T M Moody 2-0-15-0; A R Border 16-5-47-0.

here in a much shorter time a year ago. The natural soil is 80 per cent clay and, the

The pitch was faster yesterday than at any time in the match, the bounce steeper. and, as they did against Gooch's side last February, Australia bowled formidably

They held their catches, too, the best of them being another breath-taking effort by Jones, diving to his left at third slip to get rid of Sidhu. While taking seven for 27 in India's second innings,

Whitney found, to his delight, that his in-swinger was on parade. With one, he had Kapil Dev leg-before first ball; with another, he removed Azharuddin, India's last surviving batsman.

day, just when Sidhu and Srikkanth looked like getting through the first hour unparted if not unscathed.

The manner in which most of the wickets fell on all five days points to the problems of batting against bowlers digging the ball in just short of a length and sometimes shorter. Of the 36 wickets to fall in the match, 13 went to catches at slip, II to catches at the wicket and six to catches

short leg or silly mid-off. It is the first Test match in history - there have been 1,186 altogether - in which a positive result has been achieved without a single batsman being bowled out. As the Australians bowled

yesterday - perfectly fairly but making full use of the lift in the turf — practically nothing would have hit the stumps

Whitney had never before taken ten wickets in a firstclass match. In this one, he finished with 11 for 95. In 80 minutes, Srikkanth had added only 12 to his overnight score when he failed to fend off a nasty one from Whitney.

Manjrekar fought hard for 50 minutes before submitting. Vengsarkar, his long and distinguished Test career nearing its end, flinched visibly and was caught at slin.

And Tendulkar? Well, he came in and crashed his third ball through extra cover for four. Trying to do the same again, at the other end, he was comfortably caught at slip off Reiffel.

If he is the young man I think he is, he will learn from this. Cricket is a harder taskmaster than he has come to realise yet - and not even genius can thrive without

AUBITHALIA: Risk limitage 346 (D C Boon 107, A R Border 59, T M Moody 50; M Probheler 5 for 101). Second sinkape 367 for 6 dec (D M Jones 150 not call, Moody 107). SHOUL: Plant Innings 272 (S R Tendullar 114; M R Whitney 4 for 68, M G Haghes 4 for 82).

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Challenge of securing cup

GOLF

place is the spur for Darcy

TEN members of the Ryder thinks he should have been at Kiawah Island - play in the £350,000 Dubal Desert Classic in Dubai, this week.

Eamonn Darcy, the defending champion, missed out on automatic selection for the cup by £58.26 and was not given a wild card by Bernard Gallacher, the captain. "I feit I was playing good enough to be on the side. I feit I could have contributed," the Irishman said.

Not thinking that he could be overtaken in the final counting event, the German Open last August, Darcy went fishing and returned to find that Paul Broadhurst, Sam Torrance and David

Out 3,484 35 Gilford had knocked him out

of the top nine and that Mark James had been picked. He has already made his determination to challenge for a place in the 1993 side

crystal-clear. The qualifying race starts this September David Feherty was runnerup last time, two years ago the Gulf War meant there was no event last February and the Ulsterman is among the favourites again, having won in South Africa on

lan Woosnam has made an adjustment to his driver since finishing only 57th in opening European Tour game in new driver and it's been feel-

Seve Ballesteros is having massages on his bad back. but does not expect it to interfere with his bid for one of the

Mark James finally arrived yesterday 72 hours after setting off from his home in Leeds, because two flights

Norman looks for a revival

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, PORT DOUGLAS

his efforts to rebuild an ailing career when he tees up in the Australian Skins tournament on the Mirage course here on Saturday. The former Open champion and world No. 1 has-gone 20 months without a win while Ian Baker-Finch and John Daly, two of his opponents this weekend, have claimed the Open Champion-ship and the US PGA Cham-

pionship respectively. It even seemed that his demise would lead to his exdusion from the Masters this year. Norman had not qualified and thought he would need to win a US Tour event to be at Augusta, but he learned last week that he has been invited to play. "It would have devastated

me not to be there," he said. Nevertheiess, Norman's exemption to the US Open has also expired. He knows, as he approaches his 37th birthday next Monday, that he must win again soon if the pressure to do so is not to become intolerable "I have got to play with the same fire as I did on turning

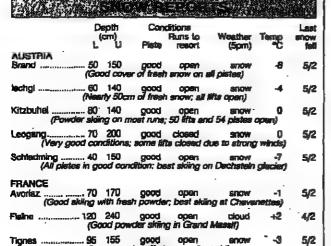
professional," he said. "Then I needed to win my way into the major championships. I was prepared to do that again for the Masters and I set my schedule accordingly by entering six of the seven US Tour events leading up to Augusta. It shows I intend to really get out and work my

Right now, I'm really looking forward to playing along-

side John Daly for the first time. He's had a lot of notoriety on the golf course and when it comes to driving the ball, he is 40 or 50 yards longer than me. The Skins format will suit him because it is made for an aggressive

Yet Norman believes that be might have turned the corner with a little bit of help from Kerry Packer, Together they won the pro-am section of the \$1.1 million Pebble Beach national pro-am last Sunday with a 42-under-par

"I knew what winning the tournament meant to Kerry." Norman said. "It did my confidence a world of good to hit the ball so well under such



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HOCKEY

India batting and fielding

Cambridge attack too sharply for the Navy

Cambridge University ... 4 Royal Navy BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

TEAMWORK and acceleration were the key notes of Cambridge University's emphatic victory over the Royal Navy at Coldhams Common

The Navy, having chosen a younger and more mobile side than last year, were by no means outrun, and raised their game in the second half to force seven short corners. However, they lacked the sharpness in attack of the

Cambridge at one stage looked as if they might repeat the 8-0 win of last year. In the twelfth minute Bolgar broke clear from the left and scored. and six minutes later Carver scored from a short corner. Arscott added the third on the follow-up from another short

The Navy laid siege to the

Cambridge goal from the start of the second half.

Blishen was penalised for obstruction, conceding a penal-ty stroke, which Davey converted. Five minutes later Blishen made a fine save off Davey, who had no luck from a sequence of short corners. Cambridge increased their lead in the 62nd minute, with Lloyd scoring on the followup after a splendid run by

A brilliant save by Atkins off Lloyd prevented Cambridge from scoring again, but Marley and Mitchell kept the Navy working hard to-wards the end.

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SNOOKER

Wattana crushes James

hours, provided the perfect

JAMES Wattana reaffirmed the belief that he has matured into the best player outside the top 16 in the world with a powerful 5-1 victory over Steve James, the seventh seed, in the second round of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

Wattana, aged 22, from Thailand, impressively fol-lowed up his 5-1 first-round win over Tony Knowles — in which he compiled a 130 clearance - with the best play of the week. It was form that again justified the sponsor's decision to award him one of two wild card invitations.

A 105 break in the first frame indicated Wattana's level of confidence. He required two snookers on the last red in the second, gained the penalty points required, cleared to black with 35 and potted the re-spotted black. alter a James safety-error, to lead 2-0.

Seemingly unaffected, James, who was using a cue with which he had been acquainted for less than 24

BY PHIL YATES

response with a 92 break in the third. Wattana, the world No. 20, who has bearen James on three of their four previous meetings, then established a 3-1 advantage at the interval by clearing yellow to blue in two visits in the fourth frame.

In the next two frames, lames was in first. He led 49-0 in the fifth only for Wattana to flush out a long red to



launch a 50 break Wattana. a semi-finalist in the UK

Open and Mercantile Credit Classic this season, potted yellow to pink for 4-1, and a run of 59 in the sixth frame helped him recover from an early 43-0 deficit. James put Wattaina's per-

formance into perspective.
"I've lost 5-I and I'm still quite pleased with the way I played." he said. "He is takmg advantage of all of his half-chances and scoring well when he's given opportuni-

"He's a really tough opponent. I've played a lot worse than I did today and won matches easily."

The only negative aspect of Wattana's successful run in the tournament is that his egion of supporters in Thailand will be unable to witness his matches on television.

The Thai government prohibits the broadcasting of sporting events with tobacco sponsorship.

ROWING

Bold display by London University

By MIKE ROSEWELL

LONDON University revealed two of their strongest trial eights for many years yesterday, including oarsmen with 21 junior and senior world medals to their credit. But the wealth of rowing talent is not matched by financial security, and the crews raced as Poor and Needy.
Poor, stroked by Tim Foster
and with Toby Backhouse at

No. 6, won both contests undertaken - from Putney to Hammersmith and from Chiswick Steps to Mortlake. In the first race, Needy, on Middlesex, stroked at a slightly higher rate by Adrian

Cassidy, held a three-quarterlength advantage at Fulham but Foster's rhythm and control pulled Poor to a third of a length win at Hammersmith. After a change of stations. Poor led by two lengths just after Barnes Bridge, but

Needy, with Damian Rimmer outstanding at No. 6, were overlapping at ecuring ou ir for Dan

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FOOTBALL

Wilkinson settles a score in Sheffield

ERRATIC they may be, but when Middlesbrough play well, they play very well, as Sheffield Wednesday discovered at Hillsborough on Wednesday night, when Lennie Lawrence's team beat them 2-I in an FA Cup fourth-round

Wednesday may have pipped the Teesside team for promotion from the second division last season, but revenge was exacted in the form of goals from John Hendrie and Paul Wilkinson after Wednesday had assumed a fourth-minute lead through David Hirst.

Portsmouth will be the next club charged with halting Middlesbrough's progress in a fifth-round tie at Fration Park that offers Middlesbrough's progress in the first between the second brough another chance to even a score - Portsmouth" beat them 4-0 in a League match on the south coast earlier this season. Yet, with Middlesbrough still in the Rumbelows Cup — they meet Peterborough to contest # place in the semi-finals next week — the danger is that cup interests will take the edge off

their promotion form.
"This could be a season which this team remember all their lives, or want to forget. These players can play, and I mean really play, but promotion is the priority," Lawrence

After seeing Arsenal off in the third round, Wrecham finally slipped out of the FA Cup in a fourth-round replay with West Ham United at the Racecourse Ground. The 1-0 scoreline was precipitated by a goalkeeping error by O'Keefe that allowed Colin Foster to score his first goal of

the season for West Ham. David Speedie, the Blackhum Rovers forward, could face a misconduct charge

this season, and the prospect

of another on Saturday is

hardly a surprise. Yet.

strangely, it is not towards West Ham United or Charl-

ton Athletic, their temporary

tenants, that supporters plan

to protest at the weekend, but

Several thousand Southend

followers are threatening to

use the second division fixture

against Charlton to display

their annoyance at plans to

move the club from South-

end to a new location 14

Howard Kendall, yesterday

suggested that transfer deal-

ings should be restricted to

the close season, similar to the

system operated in Spain,

where he had a spell manag-

ing Athletic Bilbao.

miles away in Basildon.

Southend United.

after he kicked the ball into the crowd following his send-ing off for an alleged headbutting in the 86th minute of Rovers 2-1 fourth-round defeat at Notts County. Phil Turner, of County, was also dismissed in the incident, but sterday the County manager, Neil Warnock, promised to take up his player's case with the FA.

Warnock is to send a video recording of the incident to the FA in a bid to clear the Notts County captain's name.
"I've watched the video and freeze-framed the incident and, in my opinion, there is no way Phil could be guilty of violent conduct." Warnock said yesterday. "We will be sending a copy to the FA and asking them to look at it and send it on to the referee because I am sure when he sees it be will realise a mistake

The incident leading the dismissals occurred after the home side had assumed a two-goal advantage through Gary Lund and Mark Draper. Although Mike Newell replied for Rovers in the 89th minute, it was too little too late and left Kenny Dalglish's team with only the second division championship on their mind. Dalglish, who criticised the referee, Bob Nixon, after the game, learned yesterday he is to escape any disciplinary action

from the FA. Portsmouth, meanwhile, pressed their Premier League claims with a 4-1 second division win at home to **Plymouth**

Argyle.
The first League match between 22 players who are not being paid — neither club can afford their wages at present — resulted in a 1-0 home fourth division win for Northampton Town against

first division club from turn-

ing out for another in the

same campaign," Kendali

said yesterday. The Polish goalkeeper,

Aleksander Klak, is set to join

Blackburn Rovers in a

£550,000 deal in August, a

Polish news agency reported

A police file on an incident

that left a player with a bro-

ken cheekbone has been seni

to the Crown Prosecution

Gary Blissett, the Brent-

ford forward, was sent off

Uzzell, the Torquay United

player-coach, during the 1-1

third division draw at

Plainmoor on December 14.

Uzzell, aged 32, needed facial

surgery.

Blissett has since been in-

yesterday.

Service.

The Everton manager, after the clash with John

from the Football Association Supporters plan

Walker prompted to retire by Achilles tendon injury

could back her driving ability with the cash that nearly all drivers now need in order to

secure a place in a Formula

One team, it seems she had

to find \$2 million before Brabham agreed to employ her, a substantial sum for

anybody to find but particu-larly for Amati, who has not

had an outstanding F3000

career largely because she

has had to race with inferior

tractive woman driver plus a

lander who competed internationally for more than two decades and won the 1,500 metres at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, yesterserious Achilles tendon injury in training.

BY NORMAN HOWELL

BRABHAM yesterday

signed Giovanna Amati;

aged 29, the woman driver, to replace Abikito Nakaya, of

Japan, after a remarkable

display of determination by

the Italian to earn her place alongside those at the pinna-

Over the course of two

days, Amati managed to con-

vince the Brabham manage-ment in England that she

cle of the sport,

Aged 40, Walker, a former world record holder for the

BRITAIN will be without An-

dres Wallace, the IAAF road

race championship runner-

up, when the world cross-

country championships take

place in Boston on March 21

(David Powell writes). But the

men's team may include, un-

expectedly, Rob Denmark,

the world indoor champion-

ship 3,000 metres bronze

in Basingstoke on Sunday

and has asked not to be

picked, which at least relieves

the selectors of having to omit

her. National selection policy

dictates that, in the team of

Wallace will miss the trial

medal winner.

40-year-old, but abandoned the plans after being injured on Monday.

"I have run my last race," he said. "It is said, but there ment after sustaining a mile as planned on March 1. But I would like to be remembered for the races I ran and won giving 110 per cent." Walker ran 129 sub-four

minute miles, with his fastest,

mile, had hoped to break four

Wallace makes things easier for selectors six, only two can be chosen

> without running the trial and Liz McColgan and Jill Hunter have higher claims. Hunter has told the selectors she wants to run in Boston and McColgan has conveyed, through her agent, that she is likely to, giving Britain the makings of a winning team. But the absence of

Wallace, the second Briton

home behind McColgan last

year, will not help. Denmark is uncertain of his potential to make the team, but would consider Boston if he finished in the top six on Sunday.

30-year-old. He set three individual world records during others in relays. He set a world record of 3min 49.40sec for the mile in Gothenberg, Sweden, in 1975. The mark stood for four vears.

cerned and money is some-

of money with them, where

ers' cash then representing

the icing on the cake. Howev-

"I've been kucky," he said.
"I stood the test of time and I can't say I'm disappointed about anything. I've been enriched by the sport. I have no regrets whatsoever. I have made a lot of friends and a bit of money, but without ever being in the superstar

category."

Carl Lewis believes his long jump defeat by his fel-low-American, Mike Powell, at the world championships last summer could inspire him to break through the nine-metre barrier.

"I believe I can do 30 feet [9.14 metres] now," he said before competing indoors in Stockholm last night. "Mike had a great jump and I have no problem in accepting that, but I learned some things which will make me a better tumper.'

Powell jumped 8.95 metres in Tokyo to break Bob Beamon's 23-year-old world

FOR THE RECORD

Feminine touch: Amati signs for Brabham alongside the team's managing director, Dennis Nursey

Brabham sign determined Amati pendent on this money. It seems that Tyrrell have been asking prospective drivers to find \$3 million, and Andrea Formula One racing car equals glamour. That, in turn, translates into money for just about everybody con-

de Cesaris, for one, could not thing that this sport needs.

A number of teams are looking to the drivers to bring a substantial amount find that much. Emanuele Pirro went to Jordan with about \$700,000, and that was not enough. Indeed, the Irish team have taken Mauricio Gugeimin. as, in the past, they would put their sponsorship deals in place first with any drivwho though as good a driver as Alessandro Zanardi, the Italian who finished the geason driving a Jordan, is a richer man

Services abandon training

skiing

Altenmarkt, Austria: Snow continued to fall and again disrupted the race programme of the Portakabin British services Alpine ski championships (Ian Sweet

The rescheduled men's downhill final training had to be abandoned after only a third of the field had negotiated the Kalberloch World Cup course. Les MacMillan, of the Army, posted the fastest time of 1 min 29.50 sec before it was decided to call a halt to the skiing.

Heavy overnight snow, together with continuous snow during the training, made the. piste a little slow but extremely dangerous if the races went outside of the course. This was fine for the early competitors, who enjoyed the unex-pectedly slow "off piste" conditions on the descent

The later, but more inexperienced, skiers found the going tough and the jury decided that the conditions were unsafe and were forced to abandon training.

Snow is forecast for this morning but clearer weather after lunch may well allow the downhill to be completed. The Courage women's special slalom will also be run, TENNIS

Connors issues \$1m 'battle of sexes' challenge

Atlanta: Jimmy Connors has ous," he said. "And nothing's a proposal that would make a going to happen until they "Battle of the Sexes" match with Monica Seles more interesting than any of its predecessors. He wants each of them to put up \$1 million, winner take all.

"She said she wanted to play straight up, right?" Connors said, meaning no rules changes to give the woman an advantage. "Then I'd like to see her name on a cheque for \$1 million. I'll put up my cheque for \$1 million of my own money, and she puts up \$1 million of her own mon-ey," he said. "That's the way I want to do it."

The match has been rumoured for months. A Beverly Hills company is trying to arrange a March date in Las Vegas.

There's been a lot of talk about it in the media, but the problem is they're not talking with me," said Connors, in Atlanta to promote his sportswear collection,

Somebody needs to sit down with me if they're seri-

Except for saying she would agree to such a match only if she is not given some sort of handicap, Seles, has been mostly silent on the

Seles, the No. 1-ranked female player, aged 18, won three of the four grand slam events last year - she did not play at Wimbledon. Connors, aged 39, last ranked the world's No. I male player in 1978, has not won a grand slam tournament since the 1983 US Open.

Connors last year reached the US Open semi-finals, raising his ranking from No. 998 to No. 42. He accomplished that after having reconstructive surgery on his

In 1973, Bobby Riggs, aged 55, was involved in two Battle of the Sexes" matches, beating Margaret Court in May and losing to Billie Jean King, aged 29, in September in the Houston Astrodome.

SQUASH RACKETS

Windsor pay for false optimism

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

TALKING Pages Windsor, who had the England No. 1 and the British champion available for their Women's Superleague fixture against Reebok Nottingham, told their leading player, Susan Devoy, the world champion, to remain in New Zealand. They paid the price for their optimism, losing at home for the first time this season.

A 2-1 defeat at the Windsor and Eton club against a Nottingham team without Lisa Opie reduced Windsor's lead in the league to one point at the halfway stage. They are the defending champions. Martine Le Moignan fulfilled her domestic ranking

and avenged her defeat at the national championships last month with a 9-4, 9-2, 9-4 win over Suzanne Horner at first string. But Sue Wright, aged 21, from Kent, who beat Horner in the national final and has been the bedrock of Talking Pages's efforts for three seasons, started disastrously against Rebecca Best at second string. She resisted six match balls in the fourth game, but went down 9-2, 9-3, 5-9, 9-10, 9-5.

At third string, Claire Nitch, the South African No. 1, lost 8-10, 10-9, 9-2, 9-0 to Jane Martin, a young English player who is chal-lenging the established order.

Clark takes the lead

Danny Clark, the veteran Australian, captured the lead on the penultimate night of the six-day cycle race in Copenhagen after another collision put two riders, Pascal Carrara, of Denmark, and Dean Woods, of Australia, in

hospital. Clark seems poised for his seventh successive victory in this event.

Koreans coming

Badminton: Korea, the Sudirman Cup world team champions, have agreed to

play two international matches against England at Shef-field and Birmingham on March 16 and 17. Nine exemptions

Golf: The United States Golf Association has granted full exemptions from qualifying for this year's US Open to nine international players: Rodger Davis, David Fe-

herty. Mike Harwood, Bernhard Langer, Mark McNulty, Colin Montgomerie, Masashi Ozaki, Steven Richardson and Eduardo Romero.

Bentley beaten

Tennis: Sara Tse, from the Isle of Man, gained a stunning 6-2, 6-2 victory over the fifth seed. Sarah Bentley, of Surrey, to reach the semi-finals of the LTA women's satellite tournament at Swansea yesterday.

Swinton game off

Rugby league: Swinton's re-arranged first division home match against Widnes on Sunday has been called off because of police staffing problems.

Date for Andries

Boxing: Britain's Dennis Andries will fight Akim Tafer, of France, for the European light-heavyweight title at Beausoleil in the south of France on February 27, promoters said yesterday.

They have a freeze on terviewed by police. WINTER OLYMPICS

Biathlon coach injured

protest at move

DEMONSTRATIONS are a transfers which prevents play-

familiar sight at Upton Park ers who have played for one

Les Saisies, France: Michael Games. The machine should Jansson, Sweden's Olympic biathlon coach, is returning home from the Winter Games three days before they open. Jansson, aged 29. broke his leg during a training session here yesteday, leaving the Swedes less than amused.

Gunella Lindberg, the secretary-general of the Swedish Olympic Committee, said: "It is not embarrassing for Sweden: it is more embarrassing for the people organising the protest. (AP)

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never have been there when people were training in that area. They were testing skis and the machinery should be out of the way."

Jansson crashed into the caterpillar truck which flattens snow and suffered a double fracture of his right leg. He was flown by helicopter to Chambery hospital for an operation.

Lindberg was unsure whether the Swedes would

FOOTBALL MEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Reading 2, Watlord 3; Fulhern 2, Wimble-tion 0.

don 0.

PORTLAGUESE CUP: Fifth round replay: Porto 2, Louistano 1.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: South American group B: Uruguay 1, Chile 0; Argentina 1, Ecuador 0.

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(Sudan) 3, Jamhari (Zentiber) 2.
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FA CUP: Fourth round: Notis County 2, Blackburn Rovers 1 (County sway to Norwich or Milwell), Sheffield Wednesday 1, Middlesbrough 2 (Middlesbrough awky to Portamouth). Fourth-round replay: Weacham 0, West Ham Liniad 1 (West Ham sway to Oxford United or Sunderland).
BARCLAY'S LEAGUE: Second division: Portsmouth 4, Phymouth Argyle 1; Swindon Town 2, Bristol City 0, Fourth division: Northumpton 1, Aldershot 0.
AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Northern section: Pretamouth 4, Phymouth Argyle 1; Swindon Town 2, Bristol City 0, Fourth division: Northumpton 1, Aldershot 0.
AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Northern section: Petershorough United 3. First round: Burnley 3, Sourborough 1, Quarter-finals: Bury 1, Huddersheld Town 2, Craws Alexandra 1, Hut City 0; Stockport County 3, Hardepool United 0, Southern section: Quarter-finals: Barry 1, Huddersheld Town 2, Craws Alexandra 1, Hut City 0; Stockport County 3, Hardepool United 0, Southern section: Quarter-finals: Barry 10, Layton Origin 1.
GM VAUCHALL COMPERENCE: Challenting 1, Yeory Town 0.
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third-round replays: Kilmarnock 1, Meadowbank Thistie 1 (set; 1-1 after 90min; Meadowbank won 43 pans and are sway to Motroly; Motherwell 4, Ayr United 1 (Motherwell away to Rengers).
D AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE Eason division: Brachm City 2, Strampser 1; Clyde 5, Albon Rovers 2; East Fife 2; East String 2; Strambusmar 1, Dumbarton 0 Postponed: Allos v Cowdenbeeth FA TROPHY: Second round: Maccleshot Celebra 1, Mentry 0, Hys LoANS LEAGUE Premier division: String 2; Strambusmar 1, Dumbarton Celebra 1, Mentry 0, Hys LoANS LEAGUE Premier division:

field 1, Benger City 0; Morecembe 2, Weiling 1. Second-round replay: Colchester 1, Merthyr 0, HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Sestingor 0, Stellytridge Cebic 0. DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Wembley 2, Berking 1. Second division: Bensteed Athletic 0, Metropolitan Polics 1. Trird division: Horaham 1, Fleckwell Health 1, Locthe trophy: Epson and Ewell 0, Cove 1; Kingsbury 0, Barton Rovers 2; Newbury 0, Porfleyt 5; Petersfield 1, Thane 2; Saffron Walden 4, Southall 1; Worthing 0, Melden Vale 3.

ESAZER HOMES LEASUE Bambins
Commercial Services Cup: Third round,
second leg: Astriord Town 1, Chelmsford
3 (agg: 1-5); Burton 3, Solfaul Borough 1
(agg: 5-1); Dertford 1, Dover 3 (agg: 2-4);
Cambridge City 3, Wealdstone 2 (agg: 4-3),
Grantinum 3, VS Rugby 2 (agg: 4-3),
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST
LEAGUE Premier division; Liversedge LEAGUE: Premier division: Liversadge 3. Desaby 0; Thankley 3, Ponteract Colleries 0. JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Feibatows 2. Thetrond 0; Havenhil 3, March Town 2. Newmarket 3, Norwich Utd 2; Watton 3,

Loweston P. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services 3, Diadora League 1 (at Aldershol). OTHER MATCH: Marsailles 2,

BASKETBALL MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Ban Antonio Spure 95, Portland Treil Blezzes 38; New York Knicks 122, Mami Heat 91; Los Angeles Clippers 97, Dalas Maver-icks 80, Charlotte Homets 115, Washing-ton Bullets 99.

CRESTA RUN

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INTER-SERVICES CHAMPIONE-HIPPrince Philip Trophy: 1, RAF, 717-81; 2,
Royal Nevy, 755-27; 3, The Army, 756-42.
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Ldr TJ Hill (RAF), 177-75; 3, L1 Cdr AC
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17th/Ztst Lancers, 181-11. Fastest time:
Capt Ginlette, 58-81.

CYCLING

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race (after lifth right): 1. D Clark (Aus) U Freuder (Switz), 249 points; 2. J Veggerby (Dan) and P Binopolitis (Rt), 309, 1; 3. B Holenweger and W Stutz (Switz), 182, 1; 4. E de Wilde and S Tourne (Bel), 172, 1; 5. J Worre (Dan) and K Khrabzov (CiS), 183, 8; 6; P Carrara (Den) snd R Guenther (Ger), 113, 8.



Clark: poised for victory in six-day cycling race CRICKET

BENDIGO, Australia: Tour metch (sec-and day of three) Victoria 217-6 and 89-3 (Wasan Akram 2-18); Pakistan 194-8 dec (jaz Ahmed 67)

SAN LORENZO. Algerve: Longshot Hotel Done Filipa pro-am: 141: M Suddis (Formby), 71, C Cox (West Essex), 67. 144: H Boyle (Royal Wimbladon), 72. 145: D Scholas (Stand), 70. 149: N Brown (Mid Herts), 72. 151: J Chillas (Siembervie), 74. 151: N Willes (Shirley Park), 60. ICE HOCKEY

MEGÉVE, France: Pre-Olympic interna-tional: France 3, United States 6. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffelo Sabres 7, Washington Capitals 3; Now Jarsey Devis 3. Philadelphie Flyers 1; Boston Brukes 3, Winnings Jets 3 (OT); New York istanders 2, Los Angeles Kings 1, San Jose Starks 6, Hartford Whalers 5; Vancouver Carucks 5, Montreel Caracters 3

RACKETS QUEEN'S CLUB: Lacuste British Open champlomship; Third round: J Presh bl. J Hughes 11-15, 15-8, 15-6; N Crippe br A Mason 15-10, 15-1, 15-6; S Device bt T Brudenell 15-0, 15-7, 7-15, 15-3; T Coctroft bt C Worldog 15-3, 15-5, 15-9; W Boone bt W Bristowe 15-5, 17-14, 15-6. SCHOOLS MATCH: Eten (J Walsh and A Mordaumt) bt Malvern (A Scammel and M Hubbard), 15-6, 15-8, 15-8, 15-10. REAL TENNIS

CLUB MATCH: Oxford University by Petworth 3-2 (Oxford names first): R Kızınaric bi N Danty, 6-3, 6-5, D Reid bi D Bevan-Thomas, 6-3, 6-4, R Montgomens bi J Wilkinson, 6-2, 6-1, D Finegold Icer to A Villa, 6-5, 6-5, H Birts lost to D Fortune, 6-3, 6-2. **RUGBY UNION** CLUB MATCHES: Royal Navy 18, Oxford University 9: Cambridge University 24, The Army 25

HOSPITALS CUP: Semi-final: St Mary's RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CUP: First round: Replay: London Crusaders 24, Highfield 10. Second replay: Kelghley 0, Barrow 16. SQUASH RACKETS

SA WOMEN'S SUPERLEAGUE Tabong Pages Windsor's, Reebot Notitiogham 2 (M Le Mognan bit S Horner, 9-4, 9-2, 9-4; S Wirght lost to R Best, 2-9, 3-9, 5-5, 10-9; 5-9, C Nitch lost to J Martin, 10-8, 9-10, 2-9, 0-9; IAS Courtlands 2, Lee-on-Solent (L Irving lost to L Soutter, 6-9, 3-9, 10-8, 3-9; C Jackman bit C Charman 9-10, 9-7, 9-0, 9-6; R Macree bit C Mett, 4-9, 9-2, 9-5, 9-7, Jagous positions: 1, Wandsor, 18pts; 2, Courriands, 17; 3, Nottingham, 12; 4, Solent, 8, 5, Priory, 5.

TENNIS

MILAN: Men's indoor tournament: First round: G Pozzi (it) bi C Proline (Fr), 5-7, 6-4, 7-8; G Forget (Fr) bi A Mansdorf (isr), 6-3, 6-4; G Pripic (Croatia) bi C Ceratii (it), 6-2, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Nath) bi A Othovakiy (CIS), 4-8, 7-5, 6-4; Patrick McEnroe (US), bi M Zoocka (Ger), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bi J Svenason (Swe), 8-4, 5-1; P Korda (Czsch) bi W Ferreira (SA), 7-5, 6-3.

ESSEN: Women's Indicar courrements: First round: A Kerek (Ger) bl L Garrone (II), 2-5, 6-3, 7-5; B Rittner (Ger) bl S Cecchini (II), 6-2, 8-4. (II), 26, 6-3, 7-5, is Hinter (cser) bit a Cocchini (II), 5-2, 8-4.

SAN FRANCISCO: ATP tournament: First round: J Stark (US) bit P Beur (Ger), 5-3, 3-6, 5-3; T Champion (Fr) bit P Kunnen (Ger), 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; J Tarango (US) bit J Frans (Arg), 7-6, 6-3; J Stotlenberg (Aus) bit K Curren (US), 7-6, 6-4; D Rostagno (US) bit R Gilbert (Fr), 5-7, 7-6, 6-1; J Connora (US) bit B Shelton (US), 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

WELLINGTON, New Zoaland: Familiasi Classic women's tournament: First round: J-A Fault (Aus) bit A Streadova (Uze), 6-1, 2-6, 3-0 (rid); C Tolesioa (NZ) bit L Sevchenko-Neiland (Latvis), 3-6, 7-5, 8-4.

AMAGASAKI, Tokyo: Asian Open wom-

(N2) of L Sevenenko-Nelsand (Larves), 3-5, 7-5, 8-4.

AMAGASAKI, Tokyo: Asian Open women's indoor tourneament. First round: Menco (Lapan) bt E Sviglerova (Czech), 6-3, 6-4; K Napastukes (Japan) bt J Emmones (US), 6-3, 7-5. Second round: N Sevenestru (Japan) bt W Shri-ling (Tai), 4-6-2, 6-2, 4'; K Kamio (Japan), 6-2, 6-4; L Gädemeister (Peru) bt Napastukes, 7-6, 6-1; H Sulfova (Czech) bt R Hirati (Japan), 7-6, 6-1; H Sulfova (Czech) bt R Hirati (Japan), 7-6, 7-6. BWANSEA LTA woman's Waster Sunsement Singlest Quarter-final: Sunsement Singlest Qua

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Forest v Coventry (7.0), Shelfleid Wed v
Manchester Uid (7.0). Second division:
Hull v Derby (7.0).
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Chelsea v Cheriton (2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Rochdale v Ryadale York (7 45).

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LITTLEWOODS POOLS, LIVERPOOL

Ardiles is axed as Newcastle attempt to stop the rot and preserve their second division status with a new manager

Keen Keegan comes in from the cold

BY IAN ROSS

NEWCASTLE United startled the football world yesterday by announcing that Kevin Keegan, one of their former players and captain of England, would take over as manager from Osvaldo Ardiles, who had been dis-

missed earlier in the day.

Keegan, who will be 41 next week, has had no direct involvement in the game for more than seven years following his retirement as a player with Newcastle after they won promotion to the first division in 1984. Today, they are second from bottom of the second division, the lowest position in the 100-year history of the club.

Although Keegan had in the past said that he would never be tempted into football management, he said yesterday that he had found it impossible to resist the offer from Sir John Hall, the Newcastle chairman.

Keegan, who spent two seasons as a player at Newcastle before retiring to pursue a variety of business interests outside football, will take control of first-team affairs for the League game against Bristol City at St James' Park on Saturday

"I have talked about a contract but I have not yet signed anything." he said. "I hope to be here for the next one, two, three years — I hope, 20. My father was a Geordie and I've followed the affairs of the club intently. When I quit as a player, I said I'd never go into ement, but I've been

forced to think again.
"I don't think I could've worked for the board at Newcastle when I left in 1984. I couldn't have worked at the club the way it was run then. Times have changed. pool, this is the greatest chub

Born: Armthorpe, Yorkshire, Feb-

Born: Armithorpe, Yorkshire, February 14, 1951.
Club career: December 1968: joined Scunthorpe United as apprentice. May 1971: transferred to Liverpool for £35,000. June 1977: transferred to SV Hamburg for £500,000. July 1980: transferred to Southempton for £420,000. August 1982: transferred to Newcastle United for £100,000. May 1984: retired as player.

in the country and it also has the greatest supporters.

"I didn't have to take this job," Keegan said. "I am going into it with my eyes open. I am not used to failure and I don't intend to be a failure here.

"I am sick of hearing the voice of doom about this place. We have so many pluses and only a few minuses. We have to be positive. Maybe it is a good time for me to start. I don't think the club could get any lower.

"I can honestly say that this is the only job I would have come back for. I don't just mean in this country but the world. When I left Newcastle in 1984, I did leave a little piece of myself behind. I have received several invitations to return to football over the past few years but I just wasn't interested."

Sir John said that he did not expect Keegan's complete lack of managerial experience to hinder his attempt to save Newcastle from relegation in the remaining 16 games of the season, but he added that a drop to the third division would have disastrous conse-

quences for the club.
"This was the hardest decision I have ever had to make." he said. "There was not a premeditated plan; it was a business decision. We put some figures through the computer after our 5-2 defeat became clear that this club

England career: 63 cape, 21 goals. Debut v Wales, Cardiff, 1972. Last appearance (as substitute) v Spain, Madrid, World Cup, 1982. Honours: Lesgue championablip medals: 1972-3, 1975-6, 1976-7, FA Cup winner: 1974. European Cup winner: 1977. Ueta Cup winner: 1976. Footballer of the Year: 1975-6. European Footballer of the Year: 1977-8, 1978-9. PFA Player of the Year: 1981-2.

will not exist if we drop into the third division.

"We are still on a financial knife-edge. I had a lot of time for Ossie. I admired him as a. man and as a professional. He has tried but the results have not been there and the defeat at the weekend simply brought matters to a head.

"Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish did not have any managerial experience when they started and look what they have achieved. I do believe that Kevin can be as successful. He has a tremendous reputation within football." he said.

Lawrie McMenemy, the assistant manager of England, described Keegan and Newcastle as "the perfect marriage". "He knows the area, the fervour, passion and expectation, and he'll give it his all "he said his all," he said.

"The only difference is that he can't put his boots on and play. But hopefully he'll have the same kind of success. He has a will to win and a willingness to work very hard and he'll get the best out of what he has available."

Ardiles, whose team won ust eight League games during his 311 days in charge at St James Park, was informed of his dismissal at 8am yesterday - less than 72 hours after Sir John had announced that his position was safe and that he would be allowed to folfol the remainder of a three-year

His last public appearance as manager turned out to be a brief one in the BBC television programme, Spender, on Tuesday night. Tony Galvin, his assistant, has also

Although Ardiles, a mem-ber of the Argentina team that won the 1978 World Cup and a former manager of Swindon Town, can expect to approximately £250,000 in compensation, he said that he was "numbed" by the events

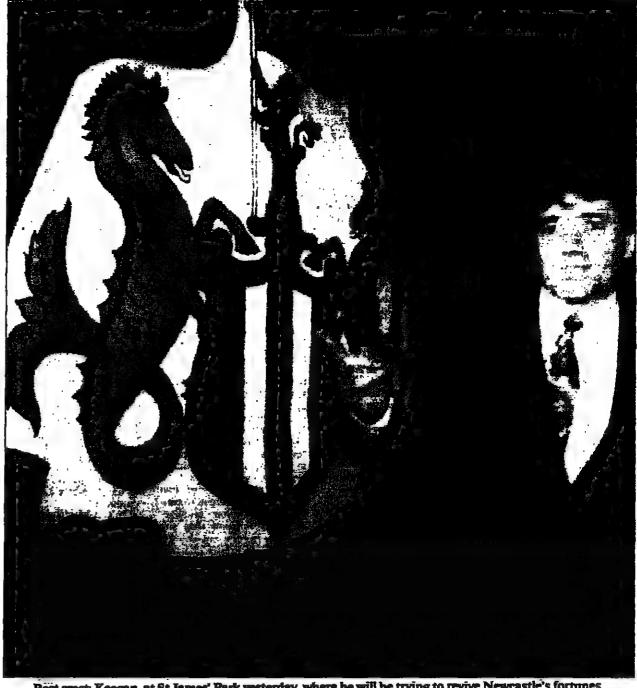
"This has broken my heart," he said. "I do not think I got a fair crack of the whip. I sometimes looked with envy at our neighbours, Sunderland Middlesbrough.

This is the first time this has ever happened to me and I am still shocked. I have no doubts that Newcastle is going to be among the elite clubs. I certainly wanted to be a part of that and I am confident I would have kept

"I think Kevin has taken over a great set-up but I am not angry or bitter; I never am. From the very bottom of my heart, I just hope Newcastle survive this season. I loved it here and grew to love it more and more as time went on. Just to go inside St James' Park and be the manager of Newcastle United was a wonderful experience," he

Keegan will be the fifteenth man to manage Newcastle since 1947 and his appointment represents the seventeenth change in the position in that time. Apart from Joe Harvey, who was in charge for 13 years from 1962, only two men, Stan Seymour and Arthur Cox, have lasted more

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Best crest: Keegan, at St James' Park yesterday, where he will be trying to revive Newcastle's fortunes

Sponsor pulls out of the Scottish League

SCOTTISH football lost one of its principal sponsors yesterday when B and Q announced that it was pulling out next season. The DIY retail chain has supported the Scottish League for the past four seasons, spending almost £2.3 million in the

However, the deal, which ends on May 2, will not be renewed, although B and Q will fulfil its contract to back the B and Q Cup, which is

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open to first and second divi-sion sides, for a further two

seeking a new sponsor. Peter Donald, the Scottish League secretary, said yesterday: "We have derived a highly effective liaison with B and Q which has proved beneficial to all parties. We are delighted that they will be continuing their association with the Scottish League via their sponsorship of the B and Q Cup.".

The Scottish League is

Aldershot close to folding as rescue operation is abandoned

By Our Sports Staff.

ALDERSHOTS future was hanging in the balance last night after the Crystal Palace director, Simon Hume-Kendail, called off his bid to buy the debt-ridden fourth division football club.

Hume-Kendall, who has ment the last five weeks negotiating the purchase of Alder-shot, said: "Investigations by Stoy Hayward and my advisers have revealed severe legal complications and substantial hidden debts far in excess of the £600,000 I was led to believe the club owed at the time of my original an-

nouncement in December. "In the light of this and a failure to agree a possible rescue package with the Inland Revenue and other authorities, I have decided not to proceed with my bid for the chib. At the present time Aldershot is simply not a viable investment.

"Together with financial experts I have been attempting to produce a survival plan, but the accountants' re-port has left me with the conclusion that an offer at this stage would not be wise. Furthermore, there is no ground swell of public opinion to prevent closure of the

The news was greeted with "extreme disappointment" at the club and the secretary, Stephen Birley, says the lives of 24 people are now in total disarray. According to Birley, the first the club knew about Hume-Kendall's decision to

distributed to the media yes-terday. "Hume-Kendall has not even bothered to ring the chib to let us know his decision. We found out through a

fax. It's a disgrace," he said.
"In addition he has made our financial debts' public, which obviously does the club no good at all. How can the FA allow us to carry on trading when they know we are insolvent? Although the players want to play and the manager wants to manage, our game against Walsall this Saturday is now under threat.

"Unless a knight in shining armour comes in very soon with a lot of money we are

It now remains to be seen whether somebody can come up with the estimated E150,000 required within the

McKeag warns big clubs

ENGLAND'S leading foot-ball clubs have been warned not to try to make the Premier League a closed shop. Gordon McKeag, the

League's shadow board chairman, fears the clubs involved in forming the new league would be more than happy to be guaranteed permanent premier status with no promotion or relegation.
But McKeag said: "The
Football League is seeking to
avoid a set of rules establishing a self-perpetuating Pre-mier League. That would be anathema to fans and damaging to the structure of pro-

fessional football in this

country as well as the England team. We are determined there will be no closed

Lack of agreement on an acceptable system of promo-tion and relegation between Premier and Football Leagues remains the chief sticking point.

The original FA plan was for a Premier League of 20 clubs, reducing eventually to 18. Now the parties are dis-cussing a 22-club League in the first three seasons with three clubs promoted and three going down.

achieved until the end of the

1994-5 season when four clubs would be relegated with

only two promoted. Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, believes the latest scheme offers no assistance to the England manager. Graham Taylor, in his efforts to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals.

First division clubs will consider the property of Education of the Party of the Par

sider the proposal on February 14 with second, third and fourth division club chairmen considering it three days later at a meeting in Walsall.
The FA Council meet on February 20 to consider rub-

ber-stamping Premier

next few days. Aldershot, formed in 1926, have never been higher than eighth in

the third division.

Meanwhile, Doncaster Rovers, bottom of the fourth division, have staved off the threat of financial collapse after coming to an arrange-ment with the Inland Revenue over an outstanding £200,000 tax bill. The taxman had been due to apply for a Companies Court winding up order against the cinb. But the petition was dismissed by Mr Registrar Buckley at the High Court in London after counsel for the Inland Revenue told him an

agreement had been reached. The seven directors of Hull City face fines of up to £1,000 each for breaches of the Companies Act unless the third division club can produce a balance sheet in the next 48 hours. The law requires the annual general meeting to be held by the last day of this month and shareholders must be given three weeks' notice but Hull have been unable to produce their accounts because of an impasse with their bankers.

The auditors will not sign the figures which cover the period to last July without a letter of facility (a guarantee from the bank that the company has sufficient resources to continue trading for the following 12 months).

"The law allows only seven months to produce the figures and we haven't been able to do so," Martin Fish, the thub chairman and a chartered

Swansea player is found dead

By Our Sports Staff

THE Welsh football team manager, Terry Yorath, and his predecessor, Mike England, were among those who paid tribute yesterday to Alan Davies, the Swansea City midfield player, who was found dead in his car in a lane leading to an isolated farm.

England, who gave the former Manchester United winger his first international cap in 1983, said he was 'shocked and saddened" by the news.

Davies, aged 30, died at a beauty spot near his home on the Gower after dropping off his four-year-old daughter at her school. A hose led from the exhaust into the car and a note was found. Police, who are preparing a

report for the local coroner, said foul play was not suspected. Last night's Welsh Cup quarter-final between Swansea and Cardiff, in which he was due to have played, was called off as a mark of respect.



Davies: won 11 caps

Davies's wife, Deborah, who

is eight months pregnant with the couple's second child, was being comforted by relatives last might. Yorath signed the player on three occasions, twice for

Bradford and once for Swan-ses. "I always had great faith in Alan's ability," he said. "Sadly, it never showed up at the highest levels, where he should have played for a long time. "I can't put my finger on why, but he was very unlucky with injuries."

Davies sprang to prominence during Manchester United's win over Brighton in the replay of the 1983 FA Cup final, when his passes led to two goals. A fortnight later he helped a depleted Wales to L 1-1 draw against Brazil.

Altogether he won 11 international caps and also played for Newcastle, Charlton and

The Swansea City secretary, George Taylor, said: "Alan was a fine player and a good servant to the club. Everybody here is terribly upset and our sympathies go to his wife and family." Davies last played for

Wales against the Republic of Ireland two years ago. He won a Welsh Cup winner's medal with Swansea in 1989.
The Welsh FA secretary,
Alun Evans, said: "He had
been kept out of the squad with a knee injury, but last winter, against Tottenham Hotspur, he showed that he was coming right back to the sort of form which would see

England happy to stand by successful squad

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE England cricket selectors put sentiment aside last night in picking their team for the final Test march in New Zealand. Ian Botham was once more left out and his hundredth Test cap looks increasingly improbable.

A day of heavy rain in Wellington, coupled with a dismal weather forecast, made a prompt start to the game unlikely but, whenever which so impressively won the first two Tests.

David Lawrence, visibly distraught when omitted in Auckland, was again named in a squad of 12. This time, he seemed likely to play, possibly at the expense of Derek Pringle, whose troublesome back was once again causing

him discomfort yesterday. For Botham, who has played only one weatherruined game since arriving here two weeks ago, the selection represented a disapit did begin, England were pointment, though probably committed to a maximum of not a surprise. Graham

one change from the side Gooch, the captain, said: "I know he would love to have played but I have explained the situation to him and he understands. We are not changing the side just to give someone a game."
Micky Stewart, the team
manager, added: "Ian was

certainly discussed but it was felt that the players he might have replaced had performed well so far. "It is not a simple matter of just sticking with a winning side. Conditions play a big part. We felt this pitch would

not necessarily suit lan's type

of bowling and his lack of

match practice was another Stewart agreed that it was

always probable this situation would arise once it had been decided that Botham and Richard Illingworth should join the tour three weeks late. Neither, however, is in danger of missing out when the party is pruned to 14, some time next week, for the World Cup, which Ted Dexter, chairman of the England committee, still sees as the

winter priority. . Dexter, who will accompany the team for the rest of the

players was picked principally with the World Cup in view and, to that extent, we are ahead of the game. There is a general air of delight and excitement in England over the two Test wins but I am sure the winter will eventually be remembered for what happens in the World Cup."

Despite Gooch's self-confessed reluctance to continue touring. Deater remains optimistic that he will still be captain of England in 18 months. "He is a key man in England's affairs and I would like to think he will go on tour, said: "This group of doing the job for a while," he

on the gloomy side of these matters when he is asked about his future but I know how committed he is and I also know how important he

ENGLAND (from): G. A. Gooch (capt), A.J. Stewart, G.A. Hick, R.A. Smith, A. J. Lamb, D. A. Raevel, C. C. Lewie, R. C. Russell, D. R. Pringle, P. A.J. Defreday, D. V. Leviercos, P.G. R. Tuttonii. R Tutosti.
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Burial rites of the hardback

MICHAEL BENNETT

Rising costs and dwindling sales are threatening the future of hardback novels. Clive Davis on the limp response from the publishers

magine a library devoted to first editions of new novels. Row upon row of attractive cloth or leather-bound volumes proudly proclaim a durable testament to literary achievement. Now think again. Tomorrow's library of new first editions is more

likely to be filled with paperbacks. The days of the hardback nove could soon be over. As publishers seek ways of expanding sales, hardcover editions could be one of the long-term casualties. Nobody suggests that bestselling authors the Frederick Forsyths and Jilly Coopers or, come to that, the Margaret Drabbles

But for less-established novel ists, the traditional practice of launching books in hard covers with the prospect of a paperback to follow a year or so later, seems likely to become increasingly rare.

The publishing industry is in the doldrums. Anyone who doubts that has only to look at the journal of the Society of Authors. When the magazine invited publishers to look back on 1991 and give their forecasts for this year, the results came with a health warning attached: "Authors prone to de-pression are advised to skip a few pages."
Those brave enough to venture

further had to wade through a cascade of discouraging news, under a headline borrowed from Doctor Johnson, "Inspissating Gloom". True, some specialist firms — notably in the educational sphere — had suffered less than others. But for the remainder, the effects of the recession had been little short of disastrous. The worst year for a decade, Oxford University Press said. Secker & Warburg spoke of low sales and speedy returns of unsold books to the

Christopher Sinclair-Stevenson, whose much-publicised independent firm has now been bought out by Reed International, gave an even more despondent assessment.

Last year had been the worst he had experienced in 30 years: "I am basically an optimist", he wrote, "but can see little cause to think that 1992 will see some magical improvement. The socalled mid-list author will become an endangered species, and many good books will cease to be

In such a climate, the paperback original comes into its own. Three of the major literary firms -Secker, Hamish Hamilton and Charto & Windus - have decided to take the plunge with a limited number of elegantly packaged "paperback originals" by authors such as Emily Prager, the American novelist. The tactic has already been tried by some of the smaller independent houses: the fact that the big names are being tempted as well shows how urgent the situation has become.

The process has been given

extra momentum with the news that W.H. Smith, Britain's biggest bookseller, is to focus resources on a promotional campaign for paperback originals by first-time

Under the scheme, half a dozen novels will be launched next January. At the moment, W.H. Smith staff are sifting through manuscripts submitted by Penguin, HarperCollins and Hodder & Stoughton. Martin Lee, the W.H. Smith executive who is overseeing the project, expects other publishers to send in work in the near future.

Smith has already rationalised its hardback sales, shifting the emphasis towards proven names at the expense of untried newcomers. "Our hardback sales last year were up by 40 per cent," Mr Lee ays. "Previously, we had stocked a wide range, but we decided to cut back on unknown authors, who

were selling about zero. Now our hardback range reflects the marketplace. A lot of book-buying comes down to a question of loyalty to an author's name. In effect, we have made overt what has been implicit for years: people don't like to spend £14 or £15 on a writer they don't

know much about." The surfeit of books on the market has done nothing to help sales: just about everyone expects fewer titles to be published in decline of the hardback novel has been the drop in spending by public libraries.

A report for the Book Trust suggests that total spending by libraries fell by a third during the 1980s. They are no longer buy-ing hardback fiction in the same quantities," says Philip Flamank, of the Publishers Association.

body who has built nb s sood isbritation without selling in vast amounts — would get a print-run of 1,200 to 1,700, and you could be confident that the libraries would take 700 of them. That no longer applies. This has a

The case used

to be that a mid-list

tendency to push the trade to extremes, to rely more and more on potboilers and bodice-rippers - many of them written by journalists, I might add. The days when a firm could nurture an author have gone.

"We had a call last week from an author, in tears. She has published more than a dozen books, most of them are still in print, but her

ed by "catastrophic and humiliating" sales for new novelists over the past two years, with hardback sales barely touching 500 copies apiece. The new paperbacks — which include books by Pinckney Benedict, the promising American author — will have a print run of

4.000 to 4.500, or about three times that of a hardback. They will go on sale at £7.99. Robin Robertson, Secker's edito-'It's not rial director. stresses that the realistic to new format will only be used for expect people specific authors, to pay £14.99 and that it will by no means prove an

instant panacea, as

some people seem

to think. Because in hardback' of the tighter profit margins the books. he thinks, may only make or lose the same amount of money as hardbacks. But, with luck, they will reach three times as many people, thus building a new audience for the future. Robertson expects the books to appeal mainly to the under-forties, a generation which, by and large, does not

for new novels

regard paperbacks as intrinsically While readers in this age group would be extremely reluctant to

hardback, they are likely to consider a high-quality paperback as a reasonable alternative to spending, say, £11.99 on a compact disc. Many booksellers, publishers

and agents may well be enthusiastic about the general concept. But what about authors? Those who have spoken in public so far have tended to be wary, if not downright hostile. Being published in hardback is, after all, regarded as a mark of prestige, the badge of entry into the literary fraternity. The binding and the price tag themselves become part of the

mystique. According to Ben Okri, the Booker Prize winner, readers approach a hardback with the same degree of reverence as they would an altar. Given the statistics for churchgoing in this country, that

may not be the happiest analogy. Most authors, however, would agree with the general sentiment. Under the present system, hard-back reviews fulfil the important function of stoking up demand for

the paperback. Experience also shows that literary editors treat paperbacks with disdain, often conveying the impression that, in an ideal world, they would rather fill the space with a laxative advertisement.

Michael Bracewell, one of Secker's authors, has taken the rare step of requesting that his next novel should go straight into paperback. There is a certain amount of snob value in appearing in hardback". Mr Bracewell says, "but at this stage it's not

realistic to expect people who read my work to pay £14.99 for it. "Judging by the letters I have received in the past, my readers are not the kind of people you see browsing through Hatchards with

a gold Amex card." Other advocates of paperback originals see no reason for avoiding change. They point out that hardback novels are virtually unknown in the rest of Europe. John Mitchinson, the marketing director of Waterstone's booksellers, notes that research in Britain indicates that many readers find

soft cover books more congenial.

ment in the quality of design of upmarket "trade" paperbacks, while too many hardback publishers have failed to put enough thought into production values. Paperback originals will succeed, he believes. as long as they are issued on a selective basis. And, equally importantly, as long as they do not become a gheno for "unsellable

first novels.

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The First Date: making it watertight

agent can't place her new book."

s if seduction wasn't al- in that The Date shall take place ready hard enough, an American lawyer has devised a legal form for both parties to sign before a first date. I'd guess that the document is no more than a series of get out clauses should the date end in pregnancy or a blood test, but I doubt whether that's quite the sort of contract we need in this country. Aids and unmarried motherhood might be a worry for some, but it's the smaller courtesies of first dating that really need to be legally addressed . . .

A Contract between Henry Cripps (hereinafter to be known as The Dater) and Caroline Bastaple hereinafter to be known as The

1: Notwithstanding the Arsenal match being postponed, the penultimate episode of Moon and Son being a bit of a diffhanger, or a last-minute pick up at the Two Horseshoes after work on Friday. The Dater and The Datee agree to meet at The Omar Khayyam Tandoori Centre, Laling W5, at 8.30pm on Saturday (hereinafter referred to as The Datel always allowing that The Datee may be no more than 20 (twenty) and no less than 10 (ten) minutes late without incurring penalties under

rider 3(i): Emotional blackmail. 2: It is hereby understood that time during the period of this

in order that The Dater may discuss a couple of really quite interesting ideas he's got for the marketing meeting on Tuesday on which he'd like some creative input from The Datee, both parties shall terminate such discussion no later than 3 (three) minutes after the onion bhajis have been served. At this point both parties shall undertake to determine from each other

i: Whether The Dater is still seeing Jennifer from Accounts Pending (hereinafter referred to as A Bit Tarty If You Ask Me, But Then Some Men Go For The Obvious Type); ii: Whether The Datee really

stung that fool Nigel in Corporate Holdings for a five course meal at Luigi's, plus entrance to Stringfellows including six large Drambuie and Cokes, plus a cab home and then gave him a kiss on the cheek and left him standing on the doorstep:

iii: How The Dater recalls the. very first time he saw The Dates across the photocopying room and even though they didn't speak until the Christmas party, he'd always sort of thought, well, you know, she wasn't like the other girls, she was more, like, sensitive. 3: It is hereby agreed that at no

PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond draws up a plain person's contract



contract shall The Datee draw attention to the following: i: The Dater's choice of the second least expensive bottle of

ii: The way The Dater tucks his napkin into his shirt collar; iii: The Dater's belief that it is only a matter of time before Chris Rea makes it big again; iv: That The Datee actually has no interest in whether Arsenal

should have played Limpar, de-

spite his injury, that afternoon, whatever Limpar is or, come to that, Arsenal.

4: In consideration for this and notwithstanding that everybody knows who Limpar is, small Swedish bloke, plays up front, The Dater undertakes: i: Not to eat all the After Eights

which come with the bill: ii: Not to cause embarrassment to both parties by paying with any credit card that causes the waiter to ask The Dater whether he would mind stepping over to the till for just a second, thus making it clear to everybody in the restaurant that the Dater can't even run to a curry, let alone and inter alia, a good bottle of wine.

5: At the rermination of the meal The Dater agrees to conduct The Datee to her place of residence, always notwithstanding that should The Datee insist on travelling the seven miles home alone. on foot, through a derelict housing estate and a freight marshalling yard. The Dater shall take this as

fair notice to quit. 6: Always provided that The Datee does not leave The Dater standing on the doorstep (ref: That Fool Nigel, passim) The Datee agrees the following:

i: That she shall within 5 (five) minutes of crossing the threshold make it plain, by word or by deed, whether she is any of the following: a) Not That Sort of Girl.
b) Not That Sort of Girl. Not That Sort of Girl on a

first date. c) Not That Sort of Girl after a dodgy curry and a warm bottle of Blue Nun.

d) Entirely That Sort of Girl, but not with The Dater. ir. That at no point during the

evening will The Datee introduce The Dater to her collection of soft toys which line her bed and get sulky if he refuses to greet each of them with the words "How do you do Teddy Nutkin?" 7: Should clauses I to 6 above be

satisfied it is hereintofore agreed that neither party shall cause the following to be uttered: i: I don't do this with everyone I

go out with, you know; ii: You will still respect me in the

morning, won't you?; iii: I'd like to stay, honest, but I've got football training first thing. Now, where's my other

iv. You won't tell anyone in the office about this, will you?; v: Damn! Look, et, I'm terribly sorry: this has never happened to

vi: Funny, that's not what Jennifer in Accounts Pending says. TOMORROW Stephanie Calman's Night Life



HOKUSAI: In the west Hokusai is the best-known of Japenese woodblock artists, and *The Greet Wave* in his Mount Fuji series is certainly the most famous image to come out of Japan. This major retrospective confirms the This major retrospective confirms the strength and variety of his work. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-

60m. until Sunday. THE PORTRAIT IN BRITISH ART: In some respects the portrait is the British art form par excellence, and naturally has figured prominently in the gifts and purchases made to British museums purchases made to British museums and gallenes through the years with the aid of the National Art Collections. Fund. This assembly of 65 works acquired in this way, ranging from Zoffany to Sickert, shows an impressively high quality in an armazing variety of styles and approaches. National Portratt Gallery, \$1 Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Set, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5em, until Sunnatav.

LA TRAVIATA: Numa Espert's production of Verth's opera is revived by Scottish Opera, with Anna Williams-King as the tragic heroine Violetta, Ramon Vargas as Affredo, Jason Howard as Germant, and Sarah Pring as Flora. Takuo Yusas conducts: designs but the Defeate and Esterna. by Ezo Frigeric and France Squardapino. First night. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000). 7.15pm.

DIE FLEDERMAUS: Richard Jones's DIE FLEDERIMAUS: Richard Jones's innockabout version of the Johann Strauss operatizator English National Opera has all the paraphernalis of Plademaus but the sparkle begins to fade after the first 20 minutes. Howev

ANGELS IN AMERICA: Strong M ANGELS IN AMERICA'S strong performances in Tony Kushner's kinglah but vigorous drama: Alda, nefigion, politica, everything. National (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE I (971-828 2252). Tanighi-Sat, 7.30pm.

BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay nom berex secon and Hoder Lincost in Anouth is play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry & Theatra Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 890). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mets Wed, Set, 3pm. 165mms.

THE CABINET MIMISTER: Own Namno and Maureen Lipman in a snob-bleh, largely unfunny Pinero comedy, Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon-Set, 7.45pm, mete Wed, Set, 3pm: 150mins.

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the management high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836

E DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brisn Froi's Olivier Award-winning memory play, ast in 1930s Donegal. Gay, ast in 1930s Donegal. O71-494 5085). Mon-Sat, Born, mata Thurs, 3pm, 3st, 4pm, 150mins.

AN EVENING WITH GARY NEKER: Sometimes dro ntitudes of a Woman man epocer nut. Duchesa, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Set, 8pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

E FAITH HEALER: Stirring performances in Brisin Prief's early play (four fronciogues) exploring a healer's doubts and sporadic powers.

Royal Court, Stoere Square, SW1 (071-730 1745), Mon-Bal, Sprin, mat Sat, John 2008-

THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry Foster is obsessed with making an Irish millionaire (Tony Doyle) into the new Gigli in Tom Muzphy's powerful fable.

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pleaped to the bourgeois bosom. Plus Jean Vigo's surrest view of school days,

Intelligent colo from Brian Moore's novel, Director, Bruce Beresford, MGM Trocadero (071-484 00\$1) Plaza (071-497 8699).

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LIFE ON A STRING: Chinese lob

music and fusions shages, forever hovering on the brink of ellegory. Irritating film from Yellow Earth director Chen Kelge. IGA Cinema (071-930 3847).

MY GIRL (PG): Teath-grating blend of pre-teen anget and middle-aged romance; Macquiay Cution gets his first idss. With Anns Chiumkay, Dan Aykroyd, Jamte Lee Curtis, Director, Jessent 12

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NEW RELEASES

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BLACK ROBE (15): Sevi

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 BILLY NATHGATE (15): Hero-worshipping lid joins Dutch Schultz's gang in 1830s New York. Mulfied, disappointing vention of ELL Doctorow's 1988 best-selling novel. Starring Dustin Hofimas, Loren Deen; director, Robert Benton. MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915983) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

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BLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12): Mistalem identifiem in Vonice. Impersonal, mechine-tooled, old-fastioned tercs. With Duddey Moore, Richard Griffiths, Patay Reneit. Writerdirector, Mark Herman.

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→ COUPE DE VILLE (12): Three warning brothers travel cross-country in a 1554 Callies. Breazy blend of road movie, male-bonding comedy, and 1860s nostalgis. With Patrick Dempsey, Arye Gross, Daniel Stern; threater, John Holl. Cennons: Fulham Road (071-370 2836) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 5148).

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG): Testy tests of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Addams's macabre carboons. Starring Raul Julia, Anjetica Huston, Christopher Lloyd; director, Burry Sornenfeld.

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FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15):
 Short-order cook (Al Pacino) courts a wary waitness (Michelle Pieiffer).
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Lytostron (National), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 7pm. MAKING IT BETTER: Previews begin toright for a new lames Saunders play on the meaning of loyally for an English couple and two Czechs Jane

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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Donneäy singing Eisenstein. James Holmes conducts. Colliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: French stars Sylvie

ROYAL BALLET: French stars Sylves Guillem and Laurent Hilaire take the leading roles in Peter Wright's production of Gateller One of the most temous befiets of the Romantic era, it tells the story of Glostle, a gentle peasant girl driven to her grave by the betrayel of her aristocratic lower. Royal Opera House, Covent Gerden, London WC2 (071-240 1068), 7-30pm

BALLET DU NORD: Founded in 1983,

MALLE I DU NOHUT Founded in 1934, this young French compeny makes its British debut offering a atrong a survival process of the Mozart's Requiem, chorsographed by artistic director Jean-Paul Comein, and leaturing the London-based Witen Orchester and a 30-voleo choir. Sadler's Wells. Rosebery Avenue, London ECI (UT1-278 8916), 7.30pm.

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Philips (excellent) and Lesie Philips es an elderly Boston couple, Josie Lawrence their eritatic daughter in a country touching family play, Playhouse. Northumberland Assessed

Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Set, 8pm,

D PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleekul version of the old firstler; tames by Offenbach, Verdl and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sal. 8.30pm, mate Thure, 3pm, Sel. dom. 150mme.

ARTURO Ut: Emphatically mensoing "Hitler" partrait by Antony Sher in Di Trevas's strong production of Brecht. National (Ostvier), South Benk, SE1 (071-928 2252). Torught, fornarrow, 7.15pm, mat taday, åpm. 170mins.

THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN

Ardrar Miller's Glaspplottingly one-sided play where Tom Cont argues the case for pigamy. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-967 1118), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mate Thurs, Set, 2.30pm, 150mins.

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her heads a fine cast (see feature, Hampstead, Swas Cottage Centre, London NW3 (071-722 9224), 8pm.

a strong cast includes Rosemary Joshua as a Madonna-like Adele, Vivian Tlemey as Rosalinda and Malcolm NASH ENSEMBLE: Battern's most distinguished chamber group presen a two-programme series devoted to Russian masters. The first concert russen manners her rest concert comprises the world premiere of Dédicase written for fiste, clarinet and string quartet by contemporary Russian composer Edison Deneov, together with songs by Borodin and Tehnikovsky, Prokofiev's Sonata for Two Violans, and Raichmaninov's Floriase Spene Toe in Diminor Elegiac Piano Tho in D minor. St. John's, Smith Square, London SW: (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

SMITH QUARTET: The Park Lane Group's Chamber Music Steet following hot on the neets of what was apparently its most successful Young Artists series for some time, ticks off with the Smith Quartet, whose programme indicates an unusually enterprising approach. The oldest in the recital is probably Schnitties Third Quartet. Otherwise they play rise they play es, some requiring tape or stronics, by Martin Butter (America electronics, by Martin Buffer (American Dreamf, Henryl Correcti (Alexact) it is Dusk) and Stephen Montague (Courtet In memoram Batry Anderson and Tomase Silvorsk), They also give the world premiere of Steve Martiand's Crossleg the Border, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-828 8800), 8pm.

I His Mish I of I Hiz Kgunha The National's 1992 aeason brings a new steging of Tennessee Williams's steamy drame of love and test, directed by Richard Eyre. A strong cast includes Alfred Molina, Elleen Atkine, Robin Balley and Frances Barber. Opening night. THEATRE GUIDE

carmot disguise the true rusful Duke, Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5085). Mon-Pri, Spor, Set, 8 30pm, mate Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm, 130mins. Jeremy Kingston's assess of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available

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Routledge and Alan Bermett exceller three of his monologues charting the anconscious humour and pain of desolate fives. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

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MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Indians displaced from Uganda to Mississippi fret over race and young love. Shurp insights, but adgry at the centre. Starmy Starmy Sarins Choudhury, Denzel Washington. Director, Mira Nair Ourzon West End (071-439 4808). TOTO THE HERO (15); Jaunty, siburdiar comedy about youth, old age and life a disappointments from bulented new Belgian director Jaso van Dormael With Machel Souquet.
Thomas Godet.
Barbican (171-838 8991) Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

Last exit from the gulag

THEATRE

Walpurgis Night

Gate, Notting Hill THIS is a tale of everyday life in one of the former Soviet Union's stickier spider's webs, told by a fly who managed to escape. Its author, Venedict Erofeyev, was expelled from university for questioning the party line, took to drink, and was declared an enemy of the people. Eventually he became one of those of whom the KGB doctor in Stoppard's Every Good Boy Deserves Favour said "your opinions are your symptoms, your disease is dissent. He himself did time in the mental hospital be imaginatively recreated in the play

the ever-enterprising Gate now brings to Britain. Walpurgis Night was written in 1984, and has been overtaken by events that Erofeyev did not live fully to see, since he died of cancer in 1990. For a detached English audience, it is probably more interesting as a phenomenon than impressive as a play. But for Russians, artistic niceties presumably matter less than recovering the history stolen from them by years of lies, distortion and censorship. Walpurgis Night does for psychiatry what Solzhenitsyn's Love Girl and the Innocent did for prison camps; and with not a lot less

The hero, Gurevich, is a somewhat idealised and murkily motivated figure: a Jewish poet who upsets the doctors enough ("classic insubordina-

dramatic flair.

tion syndrome") to get himself committed to the hospital where the girl he loves is a nurse. Once there, though, he pays more attention to his fellow-inmates, a sorry, demoralised bunch whom nobody is remotely interested in curing. A punch on the chin of the male nurse who brutalises them quickly establishes his leader-ship. Then comes May 1, a day of political triumphalism for the hierarchy, but for Gurevich and his friends Walpurgis Night, a pagan celebra-tion of the death of winter.

Nobody should expect a dissident play set on such a date to be a neat. clean construct; and audiences must prepare for what is, despite Snoo Wilson's crisp, clear translation and Dalia Ibelhauptaite's capable direction, a somewhat cluttered, confusing evening. Yet the scattershot usually clips the target, whether the subject is the soldier mentally damaged by an officer's sexual violence or the murderer derided by the staff as "a disgusting little Christian". This is a place where disobedience brings agonising sulphur injections and there is, as it turns out, only one exit for Nicholas Farrell, Allan Corduner. Patrick Godfrey, George Irving and an impressive cast of victims.

At first, it looks as if Gurevich may organise a break-out. Then he seems merely to promise alcoholic oblivion. In fact, he knows that the vodka he has stolen for his fellow-patients is not just figuratively lethal. Better a safe, peaceful death than life in the hospital gulag: Gurevich's last word on the system that ruined him.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



"Classic insubordination syndrome": Nicholas Farrell as Gurevich

Too many wrong notes in all that jazz

THEATRE

A Night In Tunisia Theatre Royal, Stratford

ASKING a jazz buff what is so special about this night in Tunisia is like questioning a rock fan about blue suede shoes. It is a tune of sons recorded by Dizzy Gillespie, and the four-piece combo in this show play it at the end of the evening, with a girl singer going "Da doodn di doodn di doodn da". Bebop is the style and men with knowledge say it tore jazz to pleces back in 1945.

Paul Sirett's play with music only takes us back as far as 1963, but it opens with a cliché dating from much earlier: a fragile bare-armed girl slumped over a table. She turns out to be a kush called Gillian Peters (Kate McKenzie), who will be the nemesis of the tenor sax man - played by Alan Cooke in the jazz club scenes and by Doyle Richmond as his broken, dazed self 30 years on, slumped on a hostel bed clutching the sax he can no longer bring himself to play. This is because of what happened the night his life changed for ever, the night they played "Night in Tunisia".

The 1990 scenes boast the crassest writing heard on the stage in a long

while. Social worker: "You can't just shut yourself away. Morgan, Are you depressed?" Encouraging him to play: "It's easy. Believe in yourself." Morgan: "You don't understand. The pain!" The time jumps are feeble: old Morgan calls Gillian's name, and on the other side of the stage young Morgan bounds down the steps doing the same. The almost vertical staircase is an eve-catching feature of Jenny Tiramani's design and the eye returns to it rather than stare at what is happening elsewhere in Jeff Teare's limp production.

Kate McKenzie does not convince as a singer of the period. She fidgets in the way I used to when wanting to

show a mate I was hep or cool or whatever the buzzword was at the time: I tapped my toes, flicked my fingers, nodded my head, but I never felt I really got it right, and I do not feel McKenzie, who does this same routine, gets it right either. She hits a note. clean as a bell, but her voice is stone cold.

The allure of bebop is never touched upon. Now and then the lights go up on the combo and we have a last version of "How High The Moon" or whatever. Jazz aficionados may get more pleasure from the show. Or, of course, even less.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Mixing but not quite matching

THEATRE

Romeo and Juliet Bristol Old Vic

ANDREW HAY, the new artistic director here, has engaged an ensemble of 16 actors to work together for the entire season (four plays in the main house, four in the reopened studio theatre). He has also given the main stage an Elizabethan thrust (designer Mick Bearwish), eliminating the front stalls and placing a double horseshoe of seats round the back and sides. This was where gallants used to flaunt their finery, the modern generation does nothing to draw attention to itself, though they manage an impromptu Mexican wave when Romeo abruptly sits down at the end of a row.

An ensemble has many advantages, but one serious disadvantage is evident in the group Hay has chosen, where the sexes are almost equally represented. As every actress knows, far more parts are written for men. If the menials in Romeo and Juliet are excluded from a tally, on the grounds that cooks and pages can be played by either sex, there are still 12 male

characters to the four females. Hay's cast divides six/seven with actresses in the majority; with the old blades Mercuno and Berrolio both played by women, their scenes look and sound distinctly weird.

Attempts by actresses to talk tough are almost always doomed. This production's street brawls are a test of audience patience so that when Mercutio starts up a fight with Tybalt his death is welcome. Such a reaction hardly helps the onward rush of the tragedy, and Hay misjudges the crucial importance of this death by making Tybalt seem ready to postpone his quarrel with Romeo or at least, stop threatening him. Thus, Mercutio's intervention is not defence of a friend but provocation.

That the production survives is in large part due to the attractively coltish Romeo of Clarence Smith. The character does not greatly mature, and he places insufficient distinction between his calf-love for Rosaline and his passion for Juliet, but he shows a fine feeling for the poetry and relates movement to feelings.
This is what Geraldine Somerville's

Juliet does not do: her emotions are limited to the words instead of bursting through and all around them. Good omens for the future are the intelligent speaking from Dave Bond's Friar Laurence and Ewen Cummins's Prince: Caroline Bliss also has her moments as a chatterbox Nurse and adds a sob of self-reproach after counselling Juliet to go for bigamy. Despite its present failings, I wish Hay's new regime well.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Texan who pulls no punches

ROCK.

Chris Whitley Marquee

ANYBODY who expected Chris Whitley to reproduce the moody, laid-back atmospherics of his oustanding debut album. Living With the Law, was in for a shock. Right from the start — a stonking "Well Alright" which owed more to the spirit of Blind Faith's cover version than to Buddy Holly's original - Whitley estab-lished a sound and momentum that was anything but relaxed.

For while the production of the album, by Daniel Lanois (of Dylan and U2 fame), tends to emphasise Whitley's yodelling, country-blues style of singing and the sleepy Southern textures of his slide guitar playing, on stage with his guitar/-bass/drums backing band, the effect

was far rockier.

Born in Texas of part-Cherokee descent. Whitley is a widely-travelled man in his late twenties. A scrawny stick of a figure, clad in loose vest and tight jeans and armed with a flaking, open-tuned National Steel guitar, he had the wild-eyed, undernourished

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Although touted as a champion of trailer-park Americana, his lyries were difficult to make out even for those already familiar with them, and he did not come across us one of nature's great communicators as he mumbled into the microphone hetween numbers. But his guitar play-

ing was another matter.

There were hints of early Johnny Winter (another blues-besotted Texan) in some of the faster blues rags, and at some points a weird. avant-garde, boogie factor crept in, us if The Mahavishnu Orchestra had organised a tribute to John Lee

The band's punchy attack became over-zealous at times, and both the playing and mixing of the drums seemed heavy-handed throughout. never more so than during the quiet beginnings of "I Forget You Every Day", where Whitley's voice was all but drowned beneath the inelegant thud of the tom-toms.

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But once the general shift of emphasis from singer-songwriter roots to hard, blues-based rock had been taken on board, it was nevertheless a show of tremendous depth and imagination. There were reflective interludes, such as the desert-baked "Big Sky Country", but it was the songs with a firm backbeat to begin with which responded best to the treatment. When Whitley hit his stride with those, nothing could stand

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Geoff Brown on For the Boys, plus Urga, Death in Brunswick, The Pleasure Principle and Les Valseuses

course you remember Sparks and Leonard. Eddie Sparks: the song. dance and gag man who could prompt an ovation just by showing his head. A snappy dresser, with an eye for the ladies. looked rather like James Caan. And his partner Dixie Leonard, teamed in a thousand television shows and USO tours to America's battlefronts: vibrant, sassy, a ball of fire, a heart of gold. Looked like Bette Midler.

Ever wondered what became of them? I have news: they entombed themselves in For the Boys (15, Odeon West End), a musical biography that drags itself like a selfimportant snail through the second world war, via the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, up to the present day. They also grew very ancient. At the end, when they receive a presidential medal on television. Eddie is 91, with silver hair and sunken eyes. Dixie, a tad younger, looks positively reptilian. Poor Sparks and Leonard.

Poor us. For dull artifice is everywhere in Mark Rydell's film
— the first venture of Midler's All Girl Productions since her tearswept Beaches three years ago. Aside from the make-up team's latex, synthetic materials dominate the script. The ups and downs of a show business team; entertaining the troops; a brisk dash through American social history: we might almost be watching a Fox musical

that jazz

of 30 years ago, perhaps featuring Betty Grable and Dan Dailey. Rydell, however, appears to think he is directing *Medea*. When the Vietcong attack after Midler stills the fractious troops with Lennon and McCartney's "In My Life", out come the bodies falling in slowmotion. Equally excruciating in its milked emotions is a scene where George Segal (as the team's chief writer) gets fired for his leftist associations. It is Christmas Day: he is dressed as Santa Claus. You



Sparks and Leonard in action: James Caan and Bette Midler as a song-dance-comedy team, sent out to entertain United States troops at war in For the Boys

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can imagine.

Yet the film's crucial failing lies not in the script, nor in Rydell's dawdling direction. The star players hold the key. Midler's warmth and gusto are a pleasure to watch; she can parry repartee with a rapier's thrust and raise the roof with a ballad. But she remains essentially a one-woman show, and her teaming with Caan lacks all chemistry, sexual or otherwise. Caan himself makes nimble enough work of the songs and footwork, but appears as furiny as a famine. Sparks and Leonard? No

wonder nobody remembers them. Relief is at hand with Urga (PG, Curzon Mayfair), which whisks the viewer far from Hollywood, to Chinese Mongolia and the rolling steppes. Nikita Mikhalkov's film, a French-Russian co-production, won the Golden Lion at last year's Venice Film Festival. It hardly advances cinematic art, but story and characters resonate with life.

Mikhalkov deals with colliding worlds: the simple existence of Mongol shepherds and encroach-

ing urban civilisation. We watch entranced as Gombo, the Mongol hero, shows his young child an insect's wonders; we avent our eyes as he kills a sheep. By the end, we feel sad as the family gawp at their new acquisition: a television.

The catalyst is Sergei, a rough but cheerful Russian construction worker who drives his truck into a river. Gombo goes to his rescue and then plies him generously with meat and drink. When Sergei makes tracks to the nearby town, Gombo follows, enjoying delights such as candy, a fairground ride, and a nightclub. He returns laden with urban booty, but without the condoms his wife requested: he was too shy to buy them. For the most part, Urga moves at

an unforced pace that allows the steppes to work their magic and the characters to play an accordion. smack their lips, and snore. Vladimir Gostukhin is most effective as the ebullient Russian; the Mongolians carry themselves with charm and dignity.

Mikhalkov, brother of the emi-

grė director Andrei Konchalovsky, has declared his dissatisfaction with recent Soviet cinema: "It assault, the jolting joke.

film things that I like, and maybe people will infer what I hate from that." So it is with Urga. people, and never forces us to make quick judgments. Both cultures are given fair treat-ment, though he makes palpable his regret at the pollution of the Mongols' lifestyle. In the final half-

hour, he overplays his hand with jarring fantasy; but the film's spell proves too strong to be shattere To get the best from Death in swick (15, Cannon Tottenham Court Road, Metro), a taste for humour's darker shades is essential: in one key sequence, the hero and his buddy hide a corpse by opening a coffin and trampling down what remains of Mrs De Marco, the original occupant. This

1990 debut feature by Australian John Ruane delights in the rude

as hapless, ageing mother's-boy Cari, who tangles with firebombs and accidental murder when he becomes cook in a seedy rock club's cockroach-infested kitchens. The film needs tightening - 109 minutes is too long — though a string of perversities keep the fidgets at bay. Neill and his deadpan sidekick John Clarke hold onto their heads no matter what indignity Ruane

Sam Neill enjoys himself hugely

huris at them. Cnris Kennedy's production design adds lustre. No low-rent house ever looked dingier than Carl's (even the shower drips brown water). If in search of offbeat delight, look no further. Do not forget Les Valscuses (18.

Cannon Piccadilly, Everyman), Bertrand Blier's 1974 film, revived in the wake of its new semi-sequel, Merci la vie. This ferocious, amoral, snook-cocking romp has aged magnificently. Nothing much happens except car thefts, uninhibited sex and random violence. Yet there

is a natural flow to these delinquent escapades that the older Blier seems unable to recapture.

Les Valseuses carries the added attraction of period charm. Look and marvel at Gérard Depardieu. aged 25, lamp-post trim. Catch 18-year-old Isabelle Huppert. Les Valseuses may not quite be a masterpiece: a landmark it defi-

The Pleasure Principle (18, Cannon Piccadilly, MGM Trocadero) is another landmark: a wholly British film, initially financed by £200,000 from a Knightsbridge bank. David Cohen's comedy about a philandering male's tangled affairs tries hard to please, but runs aground through strained humour and flat direction. Oddly enough, though Peter Firth's Casanova is a medical journalist, Aids never enters his head. Abundant shots of London, from the 19 bus to the Greenwich foot tunnel, give the game away: this is really a Swing-ing Sixties film, lost in limbo. Bright performances provide modARTS BRIEF

Flair for showbiz

DAVID Mach, who won passing notoriety a few years back with his sculpture of a submarine made out of rubber tyres and exhibited on the South Bank in London, has pulled off an equally crowdpulling stunt in the shadow of Edinburgh Castle. Standing on the city's traditional execution site, the Scottish installation artist held aloft a giant mask, which was encrusted with several thousand blackand-white matchheads arranged in a harlequin pattern. Initial attempts to ignite the spooky object proved unsuccessful, al-though eventually the desired conflagration was achieved.

This performance was, appropriately enough, in ho-nour of the new Emily Ash Gallery, which occupies five floors of a former snuff warehouse in the city.

Tyne tunes up

FOLLOWING the opening in the last 18 months of fine new concert halls in Birmingham and Glasgow, and the plan to refurbish Phil-harmonic Hall in Liverpool, a study is underway to examine whether Newcastle upon Tyne needs, and could support commercially, a new hall. The study, funded by the relevant local authorities and tourist boards, will be led by the ans economist John Myerscough and should produce a report by April. Newcastle is the home of the Northern Sinfonia.

Ms myth

MARINA Warner has been appointed research fellow at the British Film Institute. The novelist and critic — best known for her studies of such female icons as Joan of Arc and the Virgin Mary - will be "investigating the relation-ship between film and fairytale", according to the BFI. Her appointment coincides with a season of films with fairy-tale themes, beginning at the National Film Theatre

Last chance...

THE blinkered nuns in Once a Catholic belong to an uniamented past, but Mary O'Malley made her 1977 comedy a lively sequence of vignettes about the idiocies and grief of a convent education in the Fifties. Elvis and boyfriends are the road to damnation; heaven calls for martyrs and passion-killer knickers. Set in Kilburn, this engaging play's revival at Kilburn's own theatre, the Tricycle (071-318 1000), ends on Saturday.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

tion has become mid-dle-aged. The car chase and the punch-up have largely disappeared, the Starsky and Hutch-style heroes have gone the way of the spaghetti western. Instead there are thoughtful plots worked out by thoughtful heroes, low-key types with wives, mortgages and even grandchildren.

Is this more realistic? In some ways, the very opposite. Much real police work these days concerns itself with terrible and casual violence, but these incidents are mindless, one-off affairs which make no sense. In a word, they lack plot. Television needs plot, so it has turned increasingly to the higher reaches of detection where men in suits pursue kidnap-pers and fraudsters, high

value added crime. Thus the return of Van der Valk (ITV) is neither unwelcome nor unexpected. "Maigret with clogs" is how the eponymous hero was described during the earlier series, though the chances of Van der Valk being seen dead in clogs are about as great as those of Spender putting on a tie. The new series comes in two-hour chunks, starting last night: for me this is too long and causes unnecessary stack in the script, which would benefit from a good

Of course a middle-aged series has to have sops to the younger audience. So now Van der Valk has a son in the same Amsterdam police force, a son who is instantly recognisable because his curls are long and unkempt whereas Barry Foster's are tight and groomed. As eration gaps go, this one is pretty tame.
The real trouble I have

with the series is the voices. The days when people pretending to be Dutch spoke with Dutch accents are thankfully long gone but the alternative is to cast the piece in such a way that everyone speaks with no ac-cent at all except, oddly, a South American. This produces the feeling that we have stepped into an audi-tion for Radio 3 continuity announcers, there being little sense in having a Dutch comes from Bradford or

Vocal blandness is the result, a tonal quality reminis-cent of a symphony orchestra whose brass section has been stranded in another town. The secondary effect of this is to make the nudges as to location strangely jarring. Last night, for example, there suddenly appeared a street scene in which a man wearing a ballet dress and clogs walked a tightrope. Oh right, thank you, Amsterdam. Just when I had settled for

Neurden Then there is that other problem. In order to make sense, successful fictional detectives have to be pro-moted. So now Van der Valk has a high-powered desk job, but two hours of a man outwitting criminals by moving paper around a desk never did much for anyone's ratings. Therefore the plot has to be corrupted: a colleague goes on leave with a personal problem, an assassin is loose on the streets. Van der Valk (just this once) returns to active duty. Just this once? You wait until next week.

PETER BARNARD

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THEATRE

When the Iron

kian theme ready to hit British stages and screens. Scottish writer/director lan Sellar's contemporary love story. Prague, makes its debut at this year's Cannes Film Festival, where his previous film, Venus Peter was also first screened. Steven Soderbergh's follow-up to sex, lies

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Jeremy Irons in the title role. A dark thriller set in Prague In 1919, it is awaiting British

Dusty Hughes's new play, A Slip of the Tongue, with John Malkovich as an exiled Czech poet, takes to the stage at the Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago this month before arriving in London in April. But first off the mark is Making it Better, by James Saunders, which starts previewing from tonight at the Hampstead Theatre.

Saunders's play is set in London in 1989. At its centre is Jane Asher as Diana, a **BBC World Service producer** with three men in her life. There is her husband, who has left her to live as a

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Jane Asher: playing "a turbulent, seething woman"

homosexual; there is the elderly romantic Czech writer Pavlicek, exiled from his homeland in 1968, who be-comes her friend and sometime lover; and there is another Czech, a young student, who is first the husband's lover, then Diana's. In the background are the events in Czechoslovakia itself, culminating in the so-called "velvet revolution". Yet this was not how the

play was originally conceived. "When I wrote the play in 1989. Czechoslovakia was still an Iron Curtain country and as I was writing the situation changed," Saun-ders explains. "When I'd finished, the piece was no longer viable, because it was about a country which was still behind the Iron Curtain. So the first job was to bring it up to date, which I did by putting in what had been happening while I was writ-ing it. It's more politically orientated than it was before. "Originally it was about two things. First that in

England the intelligent, woolly middle-classer like myself has been belly-aching throughout the whole of the Thatcher government about what the country's coming to, and the loss of freedom and heart in the country. I wanted to set that against Eastern Europe's desire to be free, which for them meant wanting to be like us and our system of government which made our complaints seem rather trivial by contrast.

"On a personal level it's about what happens when two people form a close emotional attachment and one of them lives in England. the other behind the Iron Curtain. This came from a letter I read in The Guardian in 1989 from somebody in that situation. He'd met a student who had to go back

and neither of them could bear the idea of that being the end of the relationship The events of 1968, when Soviet tanks invaded Czecho-

slovakia, are important both to Saunders and his characters. "I was very moved by 1968," Saunders says. "It was so sad. The image of Czechoslovakia was of the students putting flowers into the barrels of the guns and losing, but somehow not losing on the other side's ground. I felt it was a kind of step forward in political and self knowledge. The Czechs said: 'We'll fight by our rules, the rules of non-violence.'

¬lhis is a viewpoint which the playwright has put into the Jane Asher part. As she says, "the character I play and her husband were there for the Prague Spring. The tanks coming in affected her deeply: her hopes were dashed; and she senses an echo of that betrayal in the things that happen in the play.

"She's a woman who's been hurt by life in lots of ways. perhaps a bit bitter, but more hurt. We watch her changing, experimenting, finding herself free and coming full circle, older and wiser. She has that English reserve, that apparent passivity and shyness, but that doesn't of course mean she's not hiding a turbulent, seething woman underneath.

"Foreigners, however, tend to explore more those psychological areas we're so shy of and don't like to talk about. I think it's a true picture of a lot of English people, including possibly myself.

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ine fall of Nixon remains a compelling story, howlength of his, and America's: ordeal - more than two years from the Watergate break-in until his resignation in August 1974 and the inevitability of the end do not detract from its fascination.

Stephen Ambrose's book, covering the period from Nixon's reelection in November 1972 to 1990, is the third volume of a biography on a Victorian scale (matching his own two volume life of Eisenhower and Robert Caro's uncompleted multi-volume study of Lyndon Johnson). Unlike Caro, Ambrose remains scrupulously fair. During the writing he moved from being a critic of Nixon to a grudging, and then genuine and deep, admirer. In the end, he liked Nixon. "That is not easy to do. as he doesn't really want to be liked he wants to be admired, respected, and obeyed - and he does do awful things. But I like him as a family man, and because he never gives up and is always true to himself."

Ambrose is no apologist for Nixon. He offers a "warts and all" portrait. A virtue of his detailed descriptions, more than a page a day for much of 1973-74, is the avoidance of conspiracy theories. He relies largely on published evidence, notably the much disputed White House tapes, plus interviews with some of the participants, though not Nixon himself. The disadvantage of this approach

Peter Riddell

assesses Nixon's

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is that it can be bloodless. There are many quotations to show Nixon's indecision, but little sign of his tortured soul, or of the fevered atmosphere in Washington,

Here again are the familiar characters - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Dean, Ziegler, Mitchell, Magruder, Colson, Hunt, Liddy. the Cubans, all the lawyers and judges, the Ervin committee and, even, loyal to the end. Rabbi Korff and his National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency.

What emerges is less a sinister conspiracy than muddle and con-fusion, the world of the "modified limited hang out". Nixon had regular, aimless discussions with his advisers in the early months of 1973 about how to escape from the trap that they had created for themselves. Options were raised,

then rejected, because each course might have fatal results. No one talked honestly, through a refusal to acknowledge the truth either to themselves or publicly.

Nixon veered between being aware that his remarks were being recorded and apparently forgetting. Ambrose records that "Nix-on would ask questions to which he already knew the answers, pretend to a surprise that was pure acting, or display outrage or incredulity that covered guilt". After discussing how to head off demands for money from Howard Hunt, Nixon wrote in his diary for March 21: "it will be each man for himself, and one will not be afraid to rat on the other."

Nixon's survival for another 16

months severely tested the American political system, but the republic and the constitution held. He accepted the rulings of the courts and, eventually, the verdict of his fellow politicians. But, in inter-views and books since 1974, he has neither accepted that he had to go, nor the reasons why. He lists myths about Watergate, only to knock them down. Some of his protests are justified. Many of the wrongdoings for which he was blamed, such as taping conversations and using administration agencies against political oppo-nents, had also been committed by his Democratic predecessors. But although he did not personally order the Watergate break-in, it was part of a political operation the White House plumbers and



Angry old man: Richard Nixon's long campaign to vindicate himself has won him respect, but he still does not inspire affection

the like - which he did approve, and he participated in the coverup, obstructing justice.

So Nixon was a crook, even if little more of one in practice than Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. What was different was not only that he made his own position worse, and before long untenable. but that he made so many enemies over 25 years who were eager to see his downfall. Nixon paid the

suspecting everyone. He had no real friends and approached politics as an opportunity to gain the respect that he believed he deserved. His own deep anger ensured that he never gained that respect, or affection.

Nixon had a formidable foreign policy record, as Ambrose stresses, especially the opening to China, his pioneering efforts at establishing détente and his role in ending the American involvement in Vietnam. But he has not got the full credit because he was never open with the American people.

Nixon had, and has, remarkable qualities. To survive repeated setbacks, he had to show toughness, discipline and hard work, vast knowledge, an ability to take risks and a proud refusal to accept defeat. Never have these characteristics been better displayed than since 1974 as he has regained a place in public life as an elder

statesman - even writing for his old enemy, the Washington Post

Nixon's real tragedy is that he was always much more than just a crook, but his flawed and twisted character prevented him from achieving what he wanted to do. Ambrose concludes, charitably, that, "when Nixon resigned, we lost more than we gained".

Peter Riddell was US editor of the Financial Times, 1989-91

Salon soulmates of spirit

Flora Fraser

A WOMAN, A MAN. AND TWO KINGDOMS The Story of Madame d'Epinay and the Abbé Galiani

By Francis Steegmuller Secker & Warburg, £17.99

ouise d'Epinay was a Parisian bluestocking of spirit and sense, with fine black eyes and a philanderer for a husband. The salons of Enlightclose friends of calibre, notably Denis Diderot, and Melchior Grim, her lover, made up for her disappointments at home.

Ferdinand Galiani, 4ft 6in and witty to his fingertips, arrived in Paris in 1759, as the Neapolitan ambassador's secretary, and entranced the chattering classes. Mme d'Epinay and her friends included. He delivered his harangues, all mimicry and gesticulation, from the depths of a wing chair, where he sat cross-legged, like a tailor, close to the fire.

Galiani's difficult duty in Paris - when not teasing the swans at Mme d'Epinay's chateau, La Chevrette, or talking by the fire with his wig off and his head steaming — was to cosset the family pact between the Bourbon Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and its powerful cousin of France. One indiscreet remark in 1769, and Galiani was recalled to Naples. Death would have been preferable, he wrote to Mme d'Epinay. She promised to write faithfully of



Louise d'Epinay: faithful observer of Parisian life

the city he dubbed affectionately "the café of Europe".

Of the correspondence which followed, Harold Acton has written that there "we may breathe the air of the 18th century as naturally as our own". Unfortunately Steeg-muler, at his ease during Galiani's Paris decade, falters when the abbé departs for Naples. He clogs the letters with peripheral material, including a lengthy account of a commission for a statue of Voltaire, where the space

would have been better occupied by more of Galiani's or Mme d'Epinay's words. He pollutes the letters' light and delicate air by taking far too seriously Galiani's complaints of his ennui in Naples. Undoubtedly Galiani missed Paris: Steegmulier does not quote a delicious passage, where Galiani describes his attempt to make a mini-Paris in Naples. His recall, however, offered Galiani the opportunity in his letters to play around with the oldest literary

conceit in the book. Everywhere was a desert without the object of desire: in this case, a delicate amalgam of Paris and Mme

It was grist to his satirical mill that Napies was far behind Paris in point of culture, style and fashion. Ruched skirts arrived in Naples, and the Neapolitans seemed unaware, he wrote, that these called for new garters. Could Mme d'Epinay send him some elegant examples - adjustable, if possible? "Here in Naples thighs tend to se devilishly massive." But if proof of Galiani's interest

wanted, this man, so utterly bored by all about him, began a dictionary of Neapolitan dialect. and typically revelled in a scholar's assertion that it was based entirely on what he overheard when passing by in his carriage. He also wrote an opera in the Neapolitan idiom, opena buffa, and was thrilled by its success. Meanwhile, in Paris Mme

d'Epinay enjoyed her own literary success with Conversations avec Emilie. Emilie was her granddaughter. Her brilliant autobiographical novel. Histoire de Madame de Montbrillant, was published posthumously. After a dozen years, the correspondence drifts to an end, with Mme d'Eplnay's health failing, and so does Steegmuller's uneven if immensely informative narrative. It is no easy task to write a successful life and letters, and it doubles the difficulty to deal with two lives at once. I was left wishing that Francis Steegmuller had instead translated the entire correspondence.

here can be fewer greater boons to a foreign correspondent than a good local pub. I have known colleagues take years to acquire a taste for curious local brews, from Novosibirsk to Sofia, for the sake of garnering the insights pubs offer into the workings of culture and politics at their most mundane and therefore most revealing. Peter Millar's liking for the beer and schnapps of East

without too much of a struggle. It is a reliable indication of his devotion over the years to the Metzer Eck, the pub in the smoky proletarian suburb of Prenziauer Berg that he won a rare token of acceptance in Germany east or west: a seat at the Stammtisch or locals' table. In eastern Europe before the fall of the regimes, a hospitable pub was not merely a handy device, but a professional

Berlin seems to have come to him

Life under a dictatorship for all but the handful of blind believers or wilful idiots is a tissue of lies. Millar is right the calibre of pub repartee is miles higher under a tyrannical regime than in democracy: it has to be, to prevent the inhabitants going mad or drink-ing themselves even further into oblivion than is the norm.

Millar uses the tried and trusted journalist's tool of presenting great events through the glass of the little man's experiences, charting their lives from the Zero Hour of total defeat in 1945 to the national euphoria of unification of 1991. The result is like being taken on a

pub crawl of German history. There is barman Alex, a member of the Hitler Youth during his Danzig childhood, who finds modest prosperity under commu-nism by providing in his pub what the communists, for all their pious paeans to the victorious proletari-

Frothy German destiny

Anne McElvoy

TOMORROW BELONGS TO ME Germany through the Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary People By Peter Millar Bloomsbury, £17.99

at, could not deliver; a truly vibrant working-class culture with advice, mockery and anecdotes in

as ready supply as the beer.
Clutching his hundred grams of Kom in the corner is Manne, unloved, obese and an outsider until he discovers a talent for smuggling consumer goods from the west. It is a function rendered as obsolete as that of general secretary of the communist party by the whirlwind which swept the country in 1989, and a poignant reminder of the heartbreaks which accompany even the most univer-

sal revelling.
Millar's method has its limitations. Sometimes the historical events to which we are supposed to be introduced by means of the characters become so dwarfed by their quirks and reactions that they become reminiscent of a child's drawing in which the man is twice the size of the tree.

But in the end, the author simply is more interested in the

little people. This is the eye of a journalist who loves colour and gossip, rather than that of an analyst or historian, which is rather refreshing these days when far too many journalists aspire to acceptance as intellectuals rather than to sound, bright handiwork.

His recollections of 1989 are as fresh and evocative as ever and, like all good reportage, remind even those familiar with the events of moments they had forgotten. Beneath the caricatures lurks Ernst Moritz Arndt's restless question: "What is a German's fatherland? It is still far from acceptable to admit that much of Hitler's appeal stemmed from the fact that he provided Germans with an answer to that question, albeit one which debased and then destroyed

Millar cites the debacte of the speech by the Bundestag's speaker, Philipp Jenninger, in November 1988 on the subject on the 50th anniversary of the Kristallnacht pogrom. But it would have been illuminating to hear more from him about what Germany expects of itself and we of it, now that — as his title implies tomorrow is here.

That title is an unmitigated disaster: misleading, irrelevant and plain silly. It alludes to a song to which Hitler's soldiers marched. This - and the subsequent ailusions to the Nazis - are by far the worst thing about the book because they jar with what they are trying to describe. That is a shame, because everything else reflects the old East Berlin at its most vibrant and unpretentious. One can smell the lignite (brown coal), see the tumbledown tenements of the Prenziauer Berg and hear the secret weapon of these hostages of history: a sense of humour, amply lubricated.

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ly divinely ordained blueprint

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in a clash of symbols and

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A continent drifts apart

Hugh Thomas hails a new survey of Latin American history, from the majestic immobility of Hispaniola to the unpredictability of the present

THE PENGUIN

HISTORY OF

LATIN AMERICA

By Edwin Williamso

Allen Lane, 625

"Asia begins at the Landstrasse" "Latin America begins in Pennsylvania Avenue", it might equally well now be said. The "Hispanic", or Spanish-speaking, minority is the fastest growing one in the United States. Some people there now declare themselves, at least for public consumption, as "Latin Americans": a way of avoiding saying one is a Salvadorean or a Colombian or a citizen of some other nation which has, for the moment, a bad name in the Anglo-Saxon world.

Latin America is even less of a proper form of identification than "Germany" was in Metternich's day. For example, Mexico is a great mestizo culture, with the indigenous peoples playing a large part in the picture which the country entertains of itself. Peru is largely Quechua. Cuba and Brazil are half black. And so on. Though united as part of the Spanish or the Portuguese empires till the 1820s, "Latin America" is, except in one department, less

and less of an entity, more and more a collection of widely different nations whose language happens to be derived from the Mediterranean.

That one exceptional department is literature. There is something like

cultural unity. The classical writers of Spain are as much a part of the continental tradition as they are of Spain's. The writers of today look upon themselves as the heirs of Sarmiento, Dario, Marti, Borges. Paz and Vargas Llosa, Garcia Márquez and Fuentes, Cabrera Infante and Cortázar are all Latin Americans, influencing others who write in Spanish without ceasing to be nationally responsive.

Not surprisingly, therefore, The best book hitherto about Latin America was a brilliant long essay about its art and literature by German Arcinegas entitled El continente de siete colores (Fhe continent of seven colours). This was, dully, presented as Latin America in its English edition.
There was also a useful political history, that of Hubert Herring (A History of Latin America). Edwin Williamson's Penguin History gives much attention to literature, especially to modern writers. That is wise. They have transformed the continental standing of Latin America. But he also aims to cover the main political develop-ments, from 1492 onwards. He has set himself a gigantic task.

This is not because of the subject matter. After all, the history of the Portuguese and Spanish empires had, after conquest up till independence, as Pierre Chaunu once put it, "a truly majestic immobility". But since the 1820s the countries have taken different paths. Thus the historian of all of them is bound to be in danger of concentrating on the things which hold them together, or which they have in common: hostility to the United States, say,

travelling minstrel arrives

in a town and is soon

🔼 enjoying a memorable

of tiny winged creatures. Clutch-

ing the inadequate nightie by beak

or claw, they in turn liberate him,

flying up and away from the town.

The husband, rooted to the ground, turns into a statue.

Granta Book of the American

Short Story, reckons that one

reliable index of a good short story

is that, halfway through it, the

reader should not be able to guess

what will happen at the end. Latin

American Short Stories, of which

Jorge Amado's "The Miracle of

the Birds" (summarised above) is a

Richard Ford, the editor of The

etternich remarked that or the Alliance for Progress, or the Marxist

The merits of Professor Williamson's book are considerable. The prose flows easily, even if, towards the end, there are too many perhapses. He has used most of the enormous number of up-to-date sources. His judgments are usually sensible. He wisely avoids, for example, pronouncing on the vexed question of the aboriginal population of Hispaniola.

The structure of the book is simple: there is a general account of the conquests and the two societies, Portuguese and Spanish, which carried them out, That is followed by chapters on the viceroyalties and the wars of independence. There is an "overview" of 20th-century politics suitably called "nationalism and development", followed by studies of five of the most important nations: Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Argentina,

Of these the first four are balanced. The Cuban section is particularly good. Only the Chilean pages seem to show a weakness

revolutionary for romanticism and that a modest one. There are two sections on "literary and .cultural developments", one about the 19th century, the other shout the 20th, each seeking, successfully, to connect cultural with political life.

The weaknesses of The Penguin History of Latin America derive largely from the arrangement. However good the Cuban section, can one justify 13 pages on Castro, and only a passing reference to Betancourt, whose achievements, damaged by Castro's guerrilla war against him, are, as I believe, likely to seem in the end more lasting?

The exclusion of over half the countries of Latin America (including Venezuela, Colombia, Peru and Bolivia) from detailed treatment makes the book seem inadequate so far as they are concerned. The French origin of "anti-Americanism" might also have been gone into: it is characteristic that the Uruguayan Rodo should have been inspired to write his famous Ariel by reading Ernest Renan's Prospero.

There is one other shortcoming which I scarcely know how to express. Professor Williamson fits in everything so neatly, the statistics are added just in the right place, that the sheer oddness and eccentricity of Latin America, its beautiful surreality, its unexpected peacefulness, the wonderful courtesy of its people, as well as its murderous unpredictability and its intoxicating joie de vivre, are somehow forgotten. Popular singers, such as Jorge Negrete, should be given their due. The Rumba has its moment. Perhaps, though, I am guilty of criticising Madame Butterfly for not being

of standard works on the Spanish civil war



Havana 1968: ethnic diversity and hatred of the Yanqui. A pro-Vietcong poster dwarfs this young black Cuban.

Magicians versus realists

Jasper Rees

THE GRANTA BOOK

night with its most desirable woman. Her husband, an assassin splendid representative, takes the maxim several steps further: the for hire, returns early from a "business" trip, swearing revenge. reader has no idea what will Wearing his paramour's pink nightie, which is short and revealhappen in the next sentence. An extreme case is Marquez's "The ing, the intruder escapes out of the window, crashes into a thicket of Last Voyage of the Ghost Ship". in bird cages and liberates hundreds

which there is only one sentence. These two superlatively fine anthologies gather in the best short stories from the Americas. To recommend them is simple; to make sense of the many disparities between and within them could not be trickier. For Amado, the literary elder statesman of Brazil. Latin America is "united simply by what is negative - misery, oppression, military dictatorship".

Amado's own madcap narrative What tends to link writers from Cuba, Chile and most countries in between is the way in which they take liberties with reality. There is no oppression toads, magicians,

OF THE AMERICAN SHORT STORY psychiatrists, idols, mad dogs, Edited by Richard Ford lovers and wom-Granta, £15.99 en's magazines THE PENGUIN BOOK staffed by men OF LATIN AMERICAN writing under SHORT STORIES Edited by Thomas Colcitie The United Viking, £15.99 States, where the

realism is not at all magical, remains a harder place to pin down. The authors collected here are united by nothing so much as the admiration of Richard Ford, one of the form's great practitioners, whom modesty keeps from self-inclusion. Many of these

stories fly the flag of smail gestures, muted tones and Their Latin cous-

have ploughed a narrative furrow that seems several to the primordial origins of fable, but in the USA. moral instruction is handcuffed to

loss, misfortune "Really, that's all there is to this story", says Harold Brodkey at the end of his "The Bathetic Pay Off", which compresses beneath it a wealth of turbulent experience. The phrase might apply to many

other stories, from New York or Vietnam, the ghetto or the cornfields, the railroad or the zoo.

There is always Kurt Vonnegut, who says America is a monkey house, or Bernard Malamud, who tells of a trainee rabbi and the busy little matchmaker he commissions to find him a wife, or Paul Bowles, whose Arabist scholar is enslaved by desert nomads, to sound a different note. But most of the Americans in these stories are as confused as Updike's civeless divorcing couple, who, when their separation is legalised in court,

we no idea what to do. They kiss. Ford's cast list is not merely starstudded. Unlike the Latin American volume, which serves a slightly less enlightened readership. Ford's anthology does not provide

delve back beyond the turn of the century. But it is as complete and persuasive an introduction to postwar American writing as one could hope for. If you have never read Stanley Elkin, Jean Stafford, Richard Yates, James Alan McPherson or Tim O'Brien, here

is the place to start. Among the Latin Americans. the same goes for Rubem Fonseca and Paulo Emilio Sallas Gomes from Brazil, Juan Carlos Bonetti of Uraguay, Ana Lydia Vaga and Rosario Ferre of Puerto Rico, who take their place alongside famous names. Carlos Fuentes, Isabel

Allende and Machado de Assis. Murilo Rubião, Amado's senior partner at the head office of Brazilian literature, tells of a magician who loses his powers when he becomes a civil servant. It reads like a parable, but a parable that contradicts the lesson of this book: when Latin Americans sit down to write, they are put in touch with the power of magic.

Indian passage of time

Frances Welch

THE STILL POINT By Subniv Babuta Weidenfeld & Nicolson, E14.99 **BOY CUDDLE** By Stevie White Andre Deutsch, E12.99

Time is linear in the West. Past, present and future occur separately, and in that order. In Subniv Babuta's rerful first novel time is disrupted Dreams and hallucinations disrupt chronology; time is less a linear than a revolutionary structure. The effect is disquieting.

The Still Point follows the life of an ambitious Oxford graduate, Max. whose aspirations are burnt up during a hot, passionate honey-moon in India. While his wife Imogen goes on to a successful career as a television producer, Max flounders in a teaching job. He is hampered by a preoccup-ation with Eastern values which eventually takes the form of an attachment to an Indian dancer.

Years later, devastated by the death of his wife, Max gains solace from a return to India. With the adoption of Eastern attitudes to time, and therefore to death; Max

learns to accept his destiny.

The Still Point emphasises the visual, with stunningly beautiful descriptions of India. Its gothic imagery is more memorable than the characters and sometimes it is hard to tell whether Babuta (a television director) writes from the heart or whether he has a film

ax's problems stem from an excess of higher sensibilities. That could not be said of Joseph Dean Tortois, or "Toys", the narrator of Stevie White's first novel. Boy Cuddle reads as though it had been written on one mad night; as if its author had sat down, burped in order to lower himself into the spirit of Toys, then written until he

had nothing more to say.

If the voice of The Still Point is
BBC, with a dash of Indian
smoothness, the multifarious voices of Boy Cuddle are fast, lewd and mainly cockney. The halfcaste bisexual Toys enjoys his mimicry. His narrative is spiced with interjections like those from his confused white granny: "Ooh Andrea you really should wash that boy more often".

Toys and his alcoholic lover Sean both grow up in South London slums. The pair's six year lust-match is broken up by the teenage prostitute Jenny. Toys watches in horror as Jenny and Sean give up prostitution and take

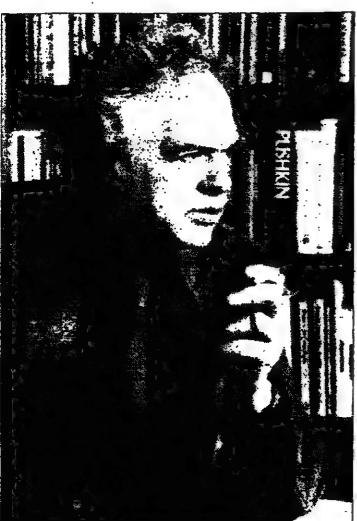
After Sean's death Toys decides to write his account of this unsavoury love triangle. The cheerlessness of his story is partially relieved by Toys' exuberance. Undaunted by the irritation of his friends, the loudmouth Toys is full of jokes and full of himself

In comparison with the slick production of The Still Point, Boy Cuddle appears chimsy. Unlikely peripheral characters and an occasionally slow narrative dull the stabs of truth. But any thinness enhances White's portrayal of spiritual poverty: little hope is offered in life, no hope after death.

SATURDAY

Four pages of books in this week's Saturday Review

Chaos theory of the death of a president



D. M.Thomas: weaving an ingenious double narrative

ven if I am finding it hard to think up a first sentence for this review. I can at least take comfort from the fact that D. M. Thomas must have struggled a whole lot harder as he tried to decide how to begin his Gordian knot of a novel about the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Never mind that Thomas wheels out the fashionably controversial "conspiracy theory" to explain Kennedy's murder. Like his bestknown and vilest work. The White Hotel, this one is a jumbled scrapbook of a novel, pasting together fractured slabs of history and dream and fiction with enough hefty symbolism, inge-nious parallels and brutal contrasts to achieve a kind of murky coherence. And, though it may sound rather a turn-off, this coherence - a grand sense of organised chaos behind and beyond the events of November 22, 1963 — is what the novel is about.

Two narratives flutter side by side, twisting and jostling and intersecting like mating daddylong-legs. To use the posh jargon. one is synchronic, the other diachronic. Here, on one side, is President Kennedy, jetting around Texas with Jackie and an aching back, joking with Johnson and flirting with brunettes. Here, 100, in the background are Lee Harvey Oswald, his wife Marina, David Ferrie, Officer Tippit et al. And there on the other side is

after shaking hands with him on

the morning of his assassination.

Sister Agnes, a young min who becomes obsessed with Kennedy

Michael Wright

FLYING IN TO LOVE By D. M. Thous Bloomsbury, £14.99

We watch Agnes grow old, nursing a chutch of sexual-spiritual fantasies, and desperately looking for a sense of design in the Contiguous themes of sex and

death and religion are hammered out like the bass of a boogie woogie. Sadly, Thomas shares with Ken Russell a weakness for gothic sensationalism; his description of a nun masturbating as she watches the Zapruder film of Kennedy's head exploding is typical of the crude exhibitionism that marred The White Hotel.

So far so simple. But where would the modern novel be without dizzy time schemes? No sooner has Thomas described the flecks of brain spanered on Jackie's pink suit (grimly echoed in the novel's grey-and-pink dust jacket), than he is ransacking time itself and in what critics used to call a bold display of the power of the authorgod — literally rewriting history.

Kennedy doesn't get shot. The worst thing that happens to him on November 22 is that he gets smacked in the face by an old lady. When he visits Parkside Hospital, it's for post-prandial sex, not a post-mortal autopsy. He decides to Thus, like the sex-death-religion

triangle, dream, history and fic-

tion are presented as inextricably linked, and both triangles are hung like coat-hangers on the twin rails of Thomas's double narrative. Kennedy's death is seen to have been inevitable because of the 'symmetrical quasi-literary patterns" into which the events and people around him were unconscously organised. This is Chaos Theory fiction, with bells on.

It is in setting up and highlighting symmetries, parallels and contrasts that Thomas is at his most impressive. Wheeling out his endless pairs of loves and hates and loyalties and treacheries, he quietly nudges the reader into complicity in his orgy of symbolism. Like Sister Agnes, we marvel at "life's intricacy and beauty".

On purely rechnical grounds, this is a remarkable novel, with all the rough, painful perfection of a crown of thorns. An apparently chaotic structure masks a miraculously symmetrical pattern beneath. Form mirrors content. At times. Thomas's symbol-planting is over-intensive and the sense of artifice becomes oppressive, but still, this is not a difficult book. On the contrary, the sense of intimacy and immediacy the author cooks up is as thrilling as it is poignant, providing both a way into the novel and an encouragement towards "creative participation".

In this way — like all good art — Thomas's work vigorously chips away at the eternal bystander, one of the invisible plagues of the late 20th century. His novel will make a worthy A-level set text, if anyone is brave enough to teach it.

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Office drinkers reach for a cure

usan Harding is not the stereotype alcoholic. She is attractive, smartly dressed and in her early thirties. and is a personnel manager in a computer company. She appears far removed from the character in the television play. Edna the Inebriate Woman.

Last spring Ms Harding (an assumed name) visited a counsellor through her company's employee assistance programme because she had marital problems. She was told her problem was chronic alcoholism. The news was, she says, "a thunderbolt". She equated alcoholism with methsdrinking down-and-outs. However, more than 75 per cent of people who seek help for alcohol-related problems are in

Ms Harding and her fellow alcoholics cost industry 14 million working days a year. There are alcoholics in the boardroom and the typing pool, and in every kind of business. Often an alcoholic manages to conceal the drinking problem at work long after family relationships and personal life are shattered, because he or she needs

to keep the job. Rosemary Clough, a counsellor on alcohol-related problems in industry, says: "By the time an employee's alcohol dependency is obvious in the workplace the problem is serious and can be affecting colleagues, subordinates and safety. People do not realise that alcoholism is a dependent illness, and that it is not just a case

of 'pulling oneself together'. "Often the telitale signs are

Alcoholism costs 14 million working days a year. Widget Finn discovers how employers are tackling the problem

ignored, or colleagues cover up for somebody who is drinking heavily. This is misguided kindness towards somebody who has a life-

threatening condition."
The Workplace Advisory Service, set up by the charity Alcohol Concern, helps organisations to establish an alcohol policy in the workplace. The aim, says Ossie O'Brien, the director, is to minimise the damage caused by alcohol misuse by promoting a responsible attitude to drinking and offering help to employees who need it,

London Buses bans drinking during office hours for everybody, from the driver with a busload of passengers to the chairman lunching in the City. Not all companies adopt the blanket approach. Staff at Conoco (UK), which produces crude oil and natural gas, work with highly volatile substances. In 1988 the company introduced a policy to ensure that the misuse of alcohol and drugs would not jeopardise safety.

"We are not alming to prohibit the use of alcohol by our employees," says Ian Symon, the em-ployee relations director. "That would be unrealistic in a society where drinking alcohol is socially

An alcohol ban in the workplace will remove the problem of the moderate drinker who occasionalhas a drink too many at lunchtime, but it will have no effect on alcoholics such as Ms Harding, who drank heavily in the evenings at home. However, Ms Harding points out that a ban, if linked to an education programme, makes staff more aware

of alcohol misuse. Statistics show that publicans are ten times more likely to die from cirrhosis than the average worker. Alcoholism is not an occupational hazard, Ms Clough says, but certain occupations attract heavy drinkers.

's Harding's col-leagues failed to recognise her symptoms and her own boss could not believe it when he was told that she had been diagnosed as an alcoholic, even though she had shown the typical behavioural pattern of somebody with a serious drink problem. She explains: "I had a hangover every morning after the previous night's solitary drinking. I was late for work and could not concentrate. Drinking seriously affected my job.

"I did not drink regularly dur-ing the day but whenever I attended a junchtime function I drank heavily and the afternoon was a complete write-off."

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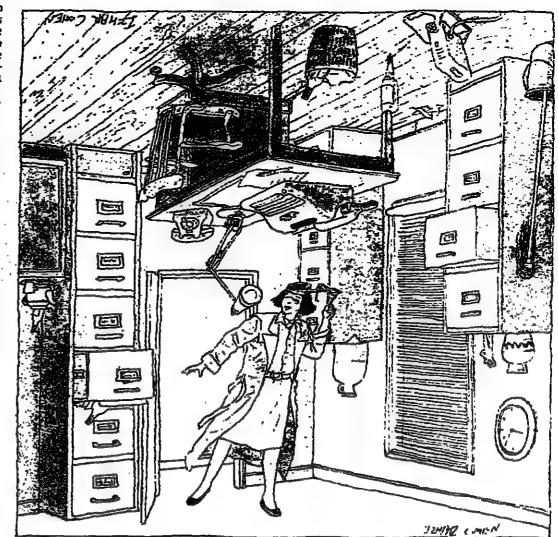
hazardous job performance we have to take disciplinary action."

Ms Harding's employers paid the full cost of her three-month residential treatment and kept her job open.

Her boss, once he had accepted that she was an alcoholic, was suppportive and understanding, visiting her while she was undergoing treatment to talk about the issues she would have to face when she returned to work.

Ms Harding has been back in her post for six months. She says: "I am a more productive employ-ee than I have been for years." How many other chronic alcoholics are there in the workplace who blame their problems on something else, or do not believe they have a problem at all?

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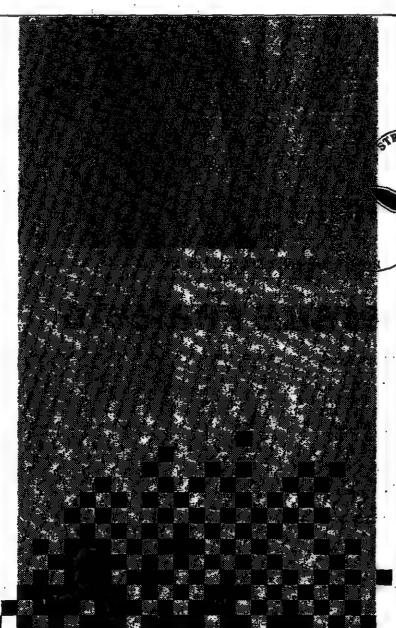


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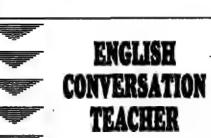
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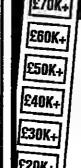
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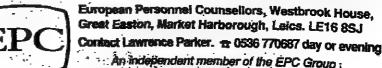
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iddle managers who lose their jobs tend to get worse severance deals than those above and below them in the hierarchy, says Richard Wright, former group personnel director of Reed International and now a managing consultant with the outplacement firm Sand-

ers & Sidney.
"Board level people in large companies on two to three-year rolling contracts are being compensated for loss of office with sixfigure sums," he says. He adds however that it is rare for them to be paid for the full unexpired term of their contracts. "The courts have taken the view that anyone who loses his or her job ought to be able to find another one, even if it is at a lower salary, within 12-18

At the other end of the hierarchy, blue and white-collar workers are covered by union or staff agreements which give them three to four weeks pay per year of service. But middle managers, and those in small and medium-sized companies, often find that the redundancy compensation they are being offered falls short of their

Generally a sum is put on the table as the good news side of the bad news about being made redundant. However, at this point the person concerned is probably too shell-shocked to assess any such offer and Mr Wright advises against accepting it there and

The fact that he cannot discern a logical pattern in redundancy settlements, based on factors like seniority, length of service or job prospects, leads him to suspect that redundant executives with good negotiating skills end up with better severance packages than those who lack them. "Few employers have a dear-cut compensation policy," he says. "Many want to do the decent thing, but they are not quite sure what it

So on what basis should negotiations take place? Mr Wright believes that redundant executives



should draw their employer's at tention to some of the direct and consequential effects of the loss of the non-salary elements of the renumeration package. This includes their car, the employer's health insurance contributions. share options, possibly subsidised mortgages and above all, pensions benefits. Once these items are taken into account, even a year's are not sure what. salary in lieu of notice can be a much more modest settlement than it looks at first.

Employers are likely to point to the fact that a figure over £30,000 attracts income tax and that the Inland Revenue takes a tough line on the monetary value of considerations in kind, even in redundancy settlements. For instance, if you are allowed to keep your car as part of it, its value is assessed at the current second-hand price of that

Leaving aside the consideration that a taxed sum is better than none, there are ways in which tax can be mitigated. Louise Botting, a partner in the financial consultants Douglas Deakin Young and presenter of the BBC Moneybox

'Few employers have a clear-cut policy. Many want to do the decent thing but

it should be' programme, says that subject to Government ceilings on pensions, tax can be avoided if the excess above £30,000 is paid by the employer into the redundant per-

son's pension scheme. But this has to be done before the person leaves, or it will be taxed as a She also suggests that people who are being made redundant. should have a look at their share

option entitlements. "Some schemes allow discretion as to when options can be exercised by leaving the company through no fault of their own. It may pay them to wait until the right moment before they cash

Ideally, says Ms Botting, arents about what happens you lose your job should be built into your contract of employment. She gives a warning, however, that clauses about compensation for loss of office must avoid mention of sums of money. "Settlements in lieu of notice must be expressed as so many months' pay. The moment you start mentioning cash. the severance arrangment loses its status as compensation for loss of

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Gordon Methven, outplacement consultant, urges the importance of his profession. "You simply shouldn't take any steps on pensions, in particular, without getting independent professional advice. You also ought to know what you are likely to be doing next before you make decicases you might be best advised to stay in the company scheme and collect deferred benefits on

Louise Botting suggests a simple checklist for people facing redundancy:

Get your company to pay for independent financial advice before you leave. It can set it against tax and reclaim VAT - the individual cannot.

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Don't make hard-to-undo decisions about your pension until you can see more clearly where your career is going to head next.

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career ents," says an Employment Service (ES)
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Nominations course are made by the ES. If this workshop was at all representative, and if the ES scrious in its aims, a serious review of who gets places on each job workshop is needed. The painter and upholsterer felt they had gained nothing — hardly surprising when the work-shop is aimed at managers iministrators.

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seeking new directions, es-pecially if you have had little or no advice about a new career, this part of the workshop could be invaluable. For some light relief we were treated to a clip from a classic John Cleese video, fortunately none of this course wanted to be a lion

tamer. For some of day we were split into broadly compatible groups. We were at last able to learn something from each

experiences. Later, a video on interview techniques served to drive home the basics, and there was the inevitable session on

the curriculum vitae. Opportunities for research came in the form of a small selection of publications well-known to executive jobhunters. Sad to say that not all these books were the latest edition, but some will find it helpful to know what is available.

There was also advice on what services are offered by ES through job centres and unemployment benefit offices. I expected to discover nothing new, but was wrong. A few weeks later, there is a follow-up session with the course director.

Job Review Workshop is not perfect, but it is worth investigating and free. Ask your claimant adviser for leaflet SHOP LI (Now make your move), published by the Employment Service. This course could help you get that job.

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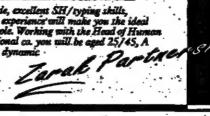
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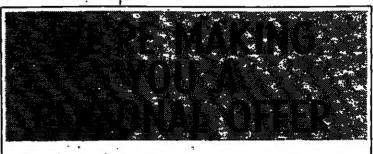
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'Social visits' in cells disapproved

Regina v Williams (Mark Alexander) Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr

Justice French and Mr Justice Judgment January 28]

As a general proposition, investigating officers should avoid paying "social visits" to persons in custody whose alleged offences they were investigating.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing the appeal of Mark Alexander Williams against his conviction on July 5, 1990 at Beverley Crown Court

Undge Barker and a jury) of robbery, on which he was sentenced to 4 '2 years imprisonment.
Their Lordships allowed his appeal against a total sentence of 10 years two months imprisonment made up of that sentence and sentences imposed consecutively in other courts for other offences. The total was reduced to

Mr Bernard Gateshill, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Stevenson for the

LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL, in a reserved judgment of the court, said that while on bail the appellant was arrested at his home in Derby on suspicion of a supermarket warehouse robbery

He was brought to Humberside by two police officers and taken to a police station at Hessle. During two interviews with the police officers, in the presence of a representative of the firm of

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conversation with a detective chief inspector and a telephone conversation with a solicitor, the appellant received what was called by the police a "social visit" from the two officers who had brought him to Hessle, which

The appellant agreed that he was volunteering information freely and that he had not been offered any incentive or promised anything. Without much questioning by the officers he then said that he had been involved in

solicitors on duty, the appellant made no admissions. He was charged with aggravated

burglary.
The following morning he was

erence to the offence as such.

the robbery.
At trial the judge was invited to rule, under sections 76 or 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, that the record of that interview should not be admitted. The judge held a voire dire (trial

taken to the magistrates' court and seen by a solicitor for 20 minutes before he appeared in court. He was remanded for four days, to remain in the police cells at Hessie.

That afternoon, after a

ted precisely one hour.

The officers said that that was not an interview and that the conversation did not include ref-After that visit the appellant signed the custody record saying that he was willing to be interviewed again without a solicitor. A formal interview with the two officers then commenced, which

vithin a trial).

The appellant's account was their Lordships' view, investigat-

that both the detective chief inspector and the two officers had persuaded him to confess to involvement in the robbery by

offering him an inducement.

In his short judgment the judge said that he did not believe the appellant's evidence but did accept the evidence of the police officers; further he concluded that here had been no breaches of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice then in force, as alleged. He ruled that the evidence of the interview

should be admitted.
Their Lordships made some preliminary observations before expressing their conclusions on

The first was that if investigating officers spent time in dis-cussion with an accused person. even though they might intend no more than a "social visit", there was an inevitable risk that the allegation which was made in the allegation which was made in the present case would follow, that is, that during the visit the police officers sought to persuade the accused to confess. The risk was even greater where the suspect had already been charged when the visit took place.

The moral was that, as a general proposition, investigating officers should avoid paying "social visits" to persons in custody

investigating.
The second comment was that if a suspect, after having been charged with an offence, of his own volition said that he wished to made a statement admitting or

ing officers were not debarred from recording what he had to say, after proper caution, and thereafter giving evidence of what the accused said.

Nevertheless, there must again be an obvious risk that at trial the accused would repent of having made admissions and seek to have the evidence of them ruled inadmissible.
If, therefore, such a state:

by a person who had been charged was to be recorded, that should be done only with the most meticulous attention to the Codes

of Practice.

Obviously, it would be preferable that the accused's solicitor should be present; equally obvi-ously the recorded interview should not be preceded by any earlier interview of which no record was made; further, the fact that an accused wished to see the investigating officer should al-ways be recorded in the custody

record.
Notwithstanding the scepticism with which each of their Lordships independently initially read of the "social visit", their read of the "social visit", their conclusion was that there had been no breaches of the Codes of Practice in relation to the conversation between the appellant and the detective chief inspector, nor in relation to the "social visit", and there was ample material on which the judge could base his decision to admit the widese of the recorded interevidence of the recorded inter-view. It followed that the appeal

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Regina v McKenzie Before Lord Justice Farquharson, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Waite

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whole jury.
The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in dismissing appeals by Jason Steven Knott, Errol Livingstone Lester and Patrick McKenzie against conviction on March 28, 1991, at Croydon Crown Court (Judge Bassingthwaite and a jury) of Bassingthwaite and a jury) of conspirate to offer to supply a controlled drug, contratly to section 1(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977. Their sentences of three years detention in a young offenders institute (Knott) and six years imprisonment (Lester and Makerial new protect and McKenzie) were reduced respec-tively to 18 months in a young offenders institute, four years and

three years imprisonment. Mr Mark Guthrie, Mr Keith Mitchell and Mr John Coffey, all assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals for the appel-lants: Mr Peter Kyte for the

JUSTICE LORD FARQUHARSON said that the jury had reached a verdict in ect of Knott on the afternoon of March 27 after which they were taken to a hotel for the night.

nate incident occurred. One juror who had been drinking set off a fire extinguisher causing damage. It also caused the fire alarm to go off. The fire brigade arrived and the hotel was evacuated.

The following morning the judge was informed and he called counsel into his chambers to tell them that a juror had caused criminal damage. At the: stage

A bit later, however, it appeared that the matter was graver than the judge had thought and de-fence counsel submitted that the

his discretion to discharge the jury Before the Court of Appeal, the appellants had argued that the offending juror would have been unable to give proper attention to the matter he had to consider,

Their Lordships took the view that the offence was less serious that it had appeared to the judge and counsel at the time. The misconduct did not affect the impartiality of the juror and there was nothing in the verdicts sub-sequently given by the jury which

Change in social attitudes to sex

Regina v Boyca

a reserved judgment when they dismissed the appeal of Percivon Elsworth Slater Boyea against his conviction on November 8, 1990, 1992, reducing the term to one of

LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL said that the judge cor-rectly directed the jury on the law, following R v Donovan ([1934] 2 KB 498), in effect that an assault intending or which was likely to do bodily harm, accompanied by indecency, was an offence irrespective of consent, provided that the burt or injury was not

The level of vigour in sexual congress which was generally acceptable, and therefore the volat Snaresbrook Crown Court untary acceptance of risk of incurring some injury, was probably higher today than in 1934, and therefore the phrase "tran-(Judge Owen Stable and a jury) for indecent assault on June 4. The court had allowed the appeal sient and trifling" had to be read in the light of attitudes in 1992. against sentence of six years imprisonment on January 14,

Court of Appeal

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counsel appeared to be content to allow the matter to rest.

jury should be dismissed. The trial judge correctly di-rected himself that it was within and refused the application.

both because of the alcohol and because of what had occurred.

It might be that the wiser course for the judge to have taken would have been to have directed the juror to stand down but their Lordships were satisfied that the presence of the offending juror made no difference to the verdict

In considering the ingredients of the offence of indecent assault. contrary to section 14(1) of the Sexual Offences Act 1956, the court should take into account the change in social attitudes over the years especially in regard to sexual relations between adults. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice French and Mr Justice Brooke) so held on January 28 in

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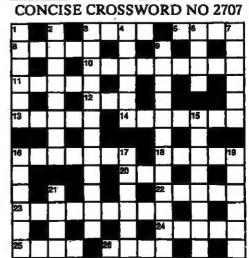
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(b) Furnished with numerous rigid hairs or straight prickles, from the Latin echinatus, echinas a hedgehog: "Whose outward bask is echinate and prickly." ECHINATE

BOMBOUS (a) The property of being convexly rounded, of builging outwards, and having the shape of a fragment of bomb or sphere: "In some parts, as, for example, the head, they often have a bombous surface, and are set irregularly." NGOKO

(b) The native name for a dialect used by high-born aristocratic Javanese when speaking to their minions and social inferiors: "Semar speaks to the gods in Ngoko, and is answered in high Javanese." CYNOPHOBIA

(c) Fear of dogs, from the Greek know a hound + phobin fear: "Nobody likes stepping in gently steaming dog's mess on the way to work, but you carry your cynophobia over the boundary into paranoia."



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Council v Secretary of State for the Environment (The Times February 3) the report should have All building development had to involve change, and if the objective of section 277(8) had been to inhibit any building development that was not either a

development by way of reinstate-

ment or restoration ("positive

preservation") or a development

that positively enhanced the

character or appearance of the area, it would surely have been expressed in very different Lord Templeman, Lord Grif-

Regina v Sutton Justices. Ex sibility to comply with that requirement whether or not he was aware that his clerk had accepted the brief on his behalf. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review of the Sutton Justices' decision on September 19, 1990 to allow Vito

De Rosa to change his plea of guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm and to dismiss It was counsel's personal respon-Corrections

> fiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Oliver agreed.
> Solicitors: Winckworth & Pemberton for Mr A. F. Winstanley, Kendal; Treasury Solicitor.

In Hewett v Alf Brown's Trans-port Ltd (The Times February 4) the last few lines were omitted

from the end of the report. They Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Scott agreed.
Solicitors: Lovell Son & Pitfield

for Robinson & Allfree, Broadstairs (plaintiffs): Norris

Berrymans. Southampton

that charge and one of failing to stop after a road accident. Mr Thomas Kark, who did not appear below, for the applicant, the justices did not appear and

LORD JUSTICE MANN said the case had arisen from a road accident involving Mr De Rosa's car and a pedal cycle. The defendant was said to have assaulted the cyclist. He had pleaded guilty to the

were not represented.

assault at first appearance but not guilty to failing to stop and the case had been put over to September 19 for trial and a hearing to determine the facts of the assault. On September 18 the Crown Prosecution Service had delivered the prosecution brief to a set of chambers whose members included counsel acceptable to the CPS. They were accepted by the cierk on behalf of a named

Later the papers were sent to another set of chambers whose clerk accepted the brief and allocated it to a particular barrister who received them when he arrived the following morning. The court was informed he

member of chambers.

would be late and the case was put back. When the court reco he had still not arrived and in his absence the justices acquitted the defendant The bench seemed to have acted in a peremptory manner, probably because they had suf-fered similar difficulties in the

past. They should have made further enquiries before acting as

The acquittal could not be overturned on judicial review and the application was dismissed. MR JUSTICE BROOKE said it was a serious breach of the code of conduct for a barrister to return a brief without the consent of his professional client.

Every barrister engaged in criminal work and every clerk in

they did.

such chambers should be aware of the requirements of sections 505 and 506 of the Code of Conduct for the Bar of England and Wales.
Where lay justices were aggreed by the results of arrangements for the late return of briefs it was always open to them to sent their complaint to the Bar's professional conduct committee.

Solicitors: CPS, Croydon.

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10.00 News, regional news and weather (6204235) 10.05 Playdays. A visit to Wednesfield, Wolverhampton (r) (s) (1994457) 10.25 Playdays. A nimated adventures of a clumsy young penguin (r) (6207322) 10.35 No Kidding. Family cutz game show hosted by Mika Smith with Kate Copstick (s) (5777693)
11.00 News, regional news and weather (7380728) 11.05 Castralise. Gloria Hunniford with another collection of money-saving ideas (s) (7671167) 11.30 People Today. Includes a celebration of the fortiethanniversary of the Curen's accession to the throne; Phillip Hodson in conversation with Emie Wise; and Tim Grundy looking through jazzman George Melly's loud wardrobe (3357964)

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12.20 Pebble Mill. Music and chat presented by Alari Titchmarsh. The guest is BBC sports presenter Helen Hollason who looks forward to the winter Olympics which open in France of Saturday (a) (3263726) 12.55 Regional News and weather (90353070)

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (39902)

1.30 Neighbours. (Caetax) (s) (60475341) 1.50 Going for Gold. The suave Herry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (60486457)

2.15 Snooker. Quarter-final action from the Benson and Hedges Masters at the Wembley Conference Centre (373505)

2.15 Sincotter: Cuarter-tinal ection from the Benson and Hedges Masters at the Wembley Conference Centre (373506)
3.50 Metvin and Maureon's Music-a-Grams. Musical series presented by Sophie Aldred and Metthew Devitt (s) (8132273)
4.05 Jackanory. David Healy with part one of Stanley in Spece, the last of three stories by Jeff Brown (6639964) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed (r) (9233148) 4.30 Keyfin's Coustna.
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5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (676506). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceetax)

Weather (273)
6.30 Regional News Magezines (525). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Page presented by Adrian Rose and Mark Franklin (s) (2411) 7.30 EastEnders. (Coelex) (s) (709)



Meeting the people: the Queen relaxes on official duty (8.00pm)

A.00 Elizabeth R

• CHOICE: The much-heralded fortieth anniversary portrait of the Queen uses a year-in-the-life formet and takes in such public events as the Gulf conflict, the state visit to the United States and the G7 summit. But the justification for the film is not to rehash familiar images. Rather, it tries to strip off the public mask to reveal something of the Queen's job and the real person that iss behind the often grinding ceremonials. It may be, after nearly two hours, that the main impression will be of a woman who laughs a lot in private but hardly at all on official duty. Like her father, George VI, she takes the business of monarchy with extreme seriousness. Footage of her doing a Highland fling at Balmoral or having a flutter on the horses at Epsom reveals a lighter, more engaging side. The director is the sessoned Edward Mirzoeff, who guided the best television work of A.J.P. Taylor and Sir John Betjernen. (Ceefso) (s)

9.50 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefex) Regional news and weather

10.20 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. For only the second time in the programme's 13-year history there is an all-woman panel: Edwina Currie, MP, Patricia Hewritt, deputy director of the Institute of Public Policy Research; Yve Newbold, company director of Hanson pic; and Shirley Williams, founder member of the SDP and now a Harvard professor (331341). Northern Ireland: Spottight 10.50 Spenser for Hire

11.20 Snooter. Further quarter-final action from the Benson and

Hedges Masters (376709). Nothern Ireland: 11.35 Question Time 12.20am Weather (7895552). Ends at 12.25. Northern Ireland: 12.35am

2.00 The Way Ahead. John Murray explains this April's new benefits for disabled people (r) (3131484). Ends at 2.15

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Plenet Earth — A Scientific Model (8699544).
Ends at 7.10 8.00 Breekfast News (2736525)
8.15 Westminster (9788709) 9.00 Daytime on 2
2.00 News and weather (10786438) followed by You and Me (r)
(74331254) 2.15 Advice Shop. A report on young drug talears and
the help available for them and their families (7916853)
3.00 News. and weather (8175693) followed by Westminster Live
(8460790) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (7950322)
4.00 Shooker. The Berson and Hedges Mesters from Westbley (438)
4.00 Behind the Headlines. Tony Banks, MP, and Jeffrey Archer talk to
two of Westminster's older statesman — Denis Healey and Sir
Bernard Braine (s) (322)

two of Westminster's older statesmen -- Denis Healey and Sir Bernard Braine (s) (322) 5.00 Cricket, Highlights of the first day's play in the third Test between New Zealand and England in Wellington (5419) 5.30 Food and

New Zealand and England in Wellington (5419) 5.20 Food and Orlink (r) (502)

6.00 Film: Gauffight at Commenche Creek (1964) starring Audie Murphy. Floutine western about a lawman infiltrating a gang who spring prisoners from jail, force them to help with their crimes and then kill them for the bounty money. Directed by Frank McDonald (82167). Wales: See Heart 6.30 Deutsch Direkt 6.55 Advice Shop Extral 7.00 Bazser 7.25 Experimenti
7.30 First Sight: Paradiae Lost. Michael Delahsye reports on strains on the I Kirch higher advication system. Wales: Recturdant East-

on the UK's higher education system. Wales: Redundant; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands; Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South-west: Western Approach; st: Current Account (821)

8.00 Redundant. The second of four programmes on the experience of redundancy. John was a sales manager on £50,000 a year when he was made redundant, three years ago. How has he copad? (Cestax) (7631). Water: How Green?



Streets ahead of the competition: London's black cab (8.30 pm)

8.30 Percetasi Motion: London's FX4 Taxi.

 CHOICE: The enjoyable series on the great survivors of British transport concludes with the vehicle that Londoners and tourists allies know as the black cab and few by its real name, the FX4. It first went on to the streets in the late 1950s and is still there, having more or less seen off the competition of mini cabs and the faster, smoother and more modern Metrocab. The FX4 is so much a part. of the London scene that to change it would be to kill an instit though one response to the Metrocalb was to fit a Japanese Nissar engine. The film includes tributes from cabbles and their passengers, with old black-and-white clips to provide the requisite nostalgie. Cabs are rigorously monitored for safety. We are let in on a roadside spot-check during which a bemused driver is told that his fulcrum bush is turning in the wishbone eye. So that's why the suspension is giving off that nasty creaking sound. (Ceefax) (3438) 9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Comic sketches and observations written

and performed by Stephen and Hugh. (Ceefax) (s) (3032)

8.30 Fire in the Blood: Tempting Providence.

• CHOICE: The lively series on Spain by the naturalised (rishmen • CHOICE: The lively series on Spain by the naturalised Infahrmenten Gibson considers the tension between traditional values and the new liberalism. Having told us last week how little time he had for General Franco, Gibson deals fair-mindedly with the Franco legacy, it lives on in the Church and the army and condemns democratic Spain as permissive and immoral. There is much armunition for the view that liberty means licence, Gibson reports from a shanty-town suburb of Madrid on children who smoke drugs at 11, on pomography sold in street loosics alongside daily newspapers and on a television strip show with full audience partipation. By way of contrast he visits Galicia, Franco's birthplace and Spain's conservative heartland, to follow the feast of Corpus Christi where villances caront the streets with acrino. of Corpus Christi where villagers carpet the streets with spring

flowers. The Spanish democracy must try to reconcile many conflicting currents. (Ceefax) (315167)

10.20 Talking to Myself. Roger Cooper, jailed for six years by the Iranian suthorities on apying charges, is tonight's subject in the series of DIY interviews (143815)

10.30 Newsmight with Peter Snow (120457)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (890964) 11.55 Weather (962490) 12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook 12.05em Ottoman

Supremecy (97262) 12.30 Behind the Headlines (r) (1518026). Ends at 1.05

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News (4508964)

18.00 The Time... The Place... John Stapleton is in Norwich to chair a discussion on a topical subject (1710083)

18.40 This Morning. Magazine series on family matters (3211051)

12.10 The Riddlers. Poppet series for children (2927683)

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5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (5733983)
5.40 News with Frons Armstrong (854457)
5.55 Thetmas Help presented by Jackie Spreckley (r) (591544)
6.90 Thamse News (895)
7.90 Einmandale. Scap set in the Yorkshire Dales (2709)
7.90 Presh Fleide. Cosy domestic comedy starring Anton Rodgers and Julia McKenzie. In this episode they are thrilled at the thought of becoming grandparents but wish they could be in-laws first (r) (877)



On the trail of a vice ring: Andrew Mackintosh (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Lost Boy. A missing local youth leads DS Grieg to investigate a West End vice ring. Starring Andrew Mackintosh. (Oracle) (1457)

8.30 This Week (7344)

9.00 Taggart: Double Exposure. Episode two of the three-part thriller. The dour Glasgow policeman is andous to arrest Denny Lal, but others are also on his tail. (Oracle) (4419)

10.00 News at Ten with Alaster Stewart and Trevor McDoneld. (Oracle) Westher (20693) 10.30 Thames News (783525)

10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H, Drama serial set in an Australian women's reserved centre (21277)

mand centre (212877) 11.30 01. Includes Claire Rayner reviewing the film The Pleasure
Principle; and a report on the National Theatre's new production of

The Night of the iguans staring Alfred Moline (99895)

A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts (97216)

12.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Sixeleton in the Closet. A couple share a secret connection - the axe murderess Lizzie Borden

(88216) 1.00 Film: The Specemen of St Tropez (1978) sturing Louis de Funes. Another in the series of French comedies about an incompetent St Tropez gendame. Directed by Jean Gisult

2.40 The Twillight Zone: The Beacon. A tale of the supernatural 3.00 The Truth about Women. Eve Pollard discusses motherhood with Floella Benjamin, Rabbi Julia Neuberger and Flora Richmond

5.30 Marphy's Law, Cornedy drama series starring George Segal as an insurance investigator (r) (17587) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (48467) 5.00 Videofsehion (r) (50858) 5.30 TTN Morning News with Phill Roman (98945), Ends at 6.00

einieter drug rehebilitation clinic (75007) 3.00 Blind Hets (1500): True etcry of Monte Dese (Cophin Bennent) and hie light against the Ku Kus Kan (46010) 4.30 Sins of the Mother (1091): A man is driven to commit rape (55001). Ends at 8.00

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CHANNEL 4

Significant State of the State

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (9743167) 9.25 Schools (94957709) 12.00 The Parliament Programme (27506) 12.30 Business Daily 1.00 30-

(79457)

1.00 Seasure Street. Early learning series (67612)

2.00 Film: In Old Chicago (1938, b/w) starring Tyrone Power and Afice Feye. An Oscar-winning disaster movie about the O'Leary family of Chicago in which a dispute between the two sons leads to the spectacular fire which ravaged the city in 1871. Directed by Henry King and Robert Webb (131457) 3.45 Third Avenue El. American short evoking memories of a celebrated elevated ralway (6133902)

4.00 Time to Talk. The first of a new series in which Lesley Judd talks to celebrities about their life and faith. Her guest is former Crackerjack host Don Maclean, a devout Roman Catholic and devotee of Birmingtarm and flying (506)

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game (490)

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4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game (490)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. With guest who suffer with dysmorphic disorder leading them to think they are too ugly to appear in public (7047322) 5.55 Laurel and Handy (599185)
6.00 The Crystal Maze. Six more young contestants face the challenges of the four adventure time zones (64148)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Show and Zeineb Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (205419) 7.50 Comment (480544)
8.00 Free for All. Series in which viewers make videos about the various bees in their bonnets (9099)
8.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. Offbeat comedy series (r) (s) (8506)



Upholding democracy: chancellor Helmut Kohl (9.00pm)

9.00 The Germans: Democrats All? • CHOICE: This week's topic is the strength or otherwise of German democracy, under attack from both political extremes. On the far left is the Red Army Faction, targeting Germany's economic alite. On the far right is the rise of neo-fascism, protesting loyalty to Adolf Hitler and aimed at the country's immigrants. The approach of the series continues to be as much instructional as journalistic. We are treated to a lengthy discourse on the workings of the German political system, invaluable for anyone having to study it for A level. The constitutional checks and belances, the relationship between central government and the states - all is lucidly explained. Departing from the text-book, the film considers the influence on the Green party and looks at the role of the media, and particularly television, in promoting the democratic spirit.

(Teletext) (s) (5761) 10.00 Brides of Christ, Episode three of the sp-part Australian drama set in a Sydney convent during the 1969s. This week the arrival of the convent's first lay teacher causes at least one heart to flutter. Starring Brenda Fricker. (Teletext) (s) (1236254) 11.05 Just For Leagte. Highlights from Montreal's Cornedy Festival. Includes Clive Anderson and Milton Berle (805896)

11.46 Russian New Music. The second of a ten-part series tracing the clandestine development of music in what was the Soviet Union

ass Call of the Wild. A documentary about Alaska Man, a lonely hearts magazine for the single frontiersman (r) (3821465)

1.25 The Street. American police drama series starring Michael Beach and Don Ryan (7183129). Ends at 1.50

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RADIO 5

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Boyce
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7.30 Morning Concert (cont):
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tous sens); Copland (El setin
Middo); Ponce, transc Heidez
(Estréite); Rimsky-Korsakov
(Cepriccio español, Op 34);
Bech, arr Segovis (Fugue in G
minor) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Schubert (Overture,
Fierrabras; Sonata in A, D 684;
Symphony No 5 in 8 flett, D
485)
9.35 Morning Seguence: Bech
(Chorale prelode, Wachet auf,
ruft uns die Stimme, BWV
645); Copland (in the
Beginning); Snostakovich
(Three Fantastic Dences, Op
5); Debussy (Préviole à l'après
midi d'un faune); Strevinsky
(Praludium for Jazz Band);
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(Freludium for Jazz Band):
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Preludes for recorder by Pepusch and Finger Bach (Little Preludes from the Cavier-Bochlein for W.F. Bach—selection): Liszt (Symphonic poem, Les Préludes)

11.25 BBC SO in Beroelone under Lother Zegrosek, with Mary King, mezzo, Gerhard Oppitz, piano, performs Beethowen (Fiano Concerto No 5, Emperor): Mahler (Kindertoteneder): Schumarm (Symphony No 4 in D minor) () 1.00pm News

1.05 Bristol Luschtine Concert: Live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, Igrael Piano Trio plays Dvoršk (Plano Trio No 3 in F minor, Op 65)

2.00 The Legend of the Invisible City of Kloazh and the Malden Ferveriny: BBC Northern Singers; BBC PO under Edward Downes perform Finnsky-Korsakov's four-act opers to a text by V.I. Belsky, Sung in Flussen, with Kattayn Harries, soprano, as Fervonya, Howard Haskin, tenor, as Prince Vsevolod, and Malcolin King, bass, as Prince Yuri (f)

7.05 Third Ear © CHOICE: Contrary to what some may think because they still cannot dissociate counterstill cannot dissociate counter-teriors from the castrall of olden days, the talest to tones of the counter-tenor do not originate from (to put it deficately) down below but from high up, in the epiglottis and the resonating chambers of the head. For this information we are indebted to information we are indebted to

James Bowmen, probably Britain's foremost exponent of Britain's foremost exponent of the counter-tenor voice. Bowmen, best-known perhaps for his performances in operas such as Britten's A Midsummer Night's Creent, also reveals tonight that his fatestic was artificially acquired. He is, by nature, "a hard bariteme" had beritone" .7,30 London Handel Feetival:

Soloists: London Handel
Orchestra under Denys
Darlow perform Handel
(Overture, Atalants; Canada,
Diena Cacciatrice); Chilcot Diana Cucciatrice); Chilcot (Herpeichord Concerto in F. Op 2 No 5); Telemann (Concerto in A. Tafelmualk (); Handel (Cantata, O come chiere e belle) (r) 9.05 Pres Spirit: Jonathen Raban concludes his tour of the Deep South in Guntersville, Alabams tr)

South in Guntersville, Alabama (t)

9.29 English Reed Trio (PM only from 9.25): Milmaud (Suite, D'après Corretts): Poulenc (Sonate for clarinet and bessoon); Françaix (Diversissement) (r)

9.25-5.00am Teat Marich Special (MW only): New Zealand v England. Second day of the third Test

9.60 Music in Our Time (PM only): BBC SO under Robert Ziegler parforms Edward Dudley Hughes (Crimson Flames); Minna Keel (Cartiflation: with Nors Lidell, violin); Julian Johnson (Time Pieces for crchestra); Richard Hoadley (Only Connect)

11.00 Cool and Crazy (PM only): The American trumpeter and composer Shorty Rogers talks about his carser (r)

11.30 News (PM only): Hoist (r)

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1.00-2.00am Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

Yuri (r) 5,30 Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY
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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55em Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Ferming Today
8.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30
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8.00, 6.30 News 6.55, 7.55
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9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts (r)

9.00 Two People: The first of four
programmes in which Colin
Semper tails to two people
who arrived at different
decisions when confronted by
the same moral different. This
week, two weathers of first and week, two women discuss their reactions when doctors gave them the same devastating news that their babies would almost certainly be form severely disabled (r) 10.00-10.30am No Commitments (Fift code) Of Embers 1994.

(FM only): Old Embers. Fifth of a str-part series by Simon Brett (s)

10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only): The

10.15 The Bible (Lw Orly): The Book of Job. Joss Ackland reads the second of seven episodes
10.30 Woman's Hour with Jensi Murray, incl. 11.09 News
11.30 From Our Own
Correspondent

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12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Gelinhed at Blandings: A
charmatisation of P.G.
Wodehouse a novel (3 of 4) (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.90 News; is There Anybody
There?

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Jones's drama leads us to believe that he has written a spooky piece, And indeed the spoory precia, which indeed this play's opening seconds tand to reinforce that belief. We are soon disabused of it. What Ronald Pictup's abundoned husband just cannot cope with in the second cope. husband just carrot cope with is the silent emptiness which his unfaithful wife (Carole Boyd) has filled the house with – something that proves to be infinitely more disruptive than ghostly values or mysterious thumps. Be warned: Jones's play is not a good advertisement for marriage (s)

3.00 Down Your Way (FM only): Rebbi Lionel Blue visits Liverpool (r) 3,40-4.00 Poetry Pleasel (FM

Only) (s) 3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) 4.00 News
4.05 Keleidoscope visits
Newcastle-upon-Tyne and

reports on developments in Tyre theatre, on the Amber Film Production Company, and on art and music in the city (s) 4.45 Short Story: Departures, by Brian Leyden. Reed by Jan McElybrane. McElhinney 5.00 PM 6.50 Shipping Forecast

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5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Looking Forward to the
Peast Robert Booth chairs a
light-heerted conversation
about history (a) (r)
7.00 News 7.06 The Archers
7.00 Forty Years Our Queen (Fat
orly): Honald Allison
colobrates the reign of Queen
Elizabeth I, and reviews the
changing fact of Britain and
the monarchy since her
soccession on February 6, 1952
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(s) Woman's Hour (LW only) (r) 8.00 Analysis (new series): Dukes of York . . ? In the first of two programmes, David Walker tries to predict the enset of the read recession, and asks where the blame should fall 8.45 My Four Green Fletch: The

s by Four Green Fleets: The novelet Joseph Hone visits communities in the lour provinces of Ireland. In the first of four programmes, he travels to Leinster and Kilkenny, a medieval city where people of creativity an visition are always: any travel. vision are always nurtured 9.00 Does He Tuke Sugar? 9.30 Kaleidos 9.30 Keleidoscope (s) (r)
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10.45 A Book at Berthine: Stories
of Mystery — The Sympathy of
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11.00 While Head: First of a five-pert dramelisation of Dick Francis's novel (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Perliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
World Service (L.W only)

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8.16 Wittmell and I (1987): Corredy about the intendenture of two unemployed actors in the 1960s (525:2186). 10.05 Say Anything (1989): A liather is unhappy about his describer's burgaoning common with a fellow duulent (4501-45). 11.50 The Duer Hunter, Part Two (1975): Concluding the Vietnem wire drawns (594273). 1.25 Tables from the Crypt (1889): Three honor stories (794533). 2.50 The Hearting of Sarah Herdy: An Instead is Intunted by her dead mother (4694597). Ends at 4.20 TIMESHARE Wits the Autra estaillin. 4.00pm Mr. Ed. (2490) 4.30 Petitional Junction (1902) 5.00 The New Leave It to Beaver (2701) 5.00 Generacine (224) 8.00 Here's Lucy (0187) 6.30 F Troop (2849) 7.00 Michiel's New (2820) 7.30 The Addisons Family (2831) 8.00 Dad's Amy (1273) 8.30 If's Genry Sharoffing's Show (3890) 9.00 Hopen's Heaven (89070) 9.30 Here's Lucy (94815) 10.00 The Last Laugh (68457) 10.30 The Addisons Femily (46877)

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